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## THE HEDGEHOG



SPAZ·RIBEIRO  
JENSEN  
AFTER ROMITA

"SO LONG,  
SALLY..."



# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN HOME: EPILOGUE

## SAY YOU WILL

### CASTLE ACORN'S ROYAL INFIRMARY

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TOSSED IN SPACE, HUH? TO THE FAR SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE? \* STICK ANYTHING IN YOUR EAR WHILE YOU WERE OUT THERE?

JUST A FUNKY, TWO-WAY IMPLANT TO HELP ME SPEAK AND UNDERSTAND ALIEN LINGO, DR. QUACK! \*\*

WHY?

SPECIAL THANKS TO ROBERT LEFFLER AND TAKUMA HATORI AT SEGA LICENSING

\*SEE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #126-129.  
 \*\*SEE STH #127.

UH-HUH. THAT'S WHAT THIS X-RAY CONFIRMS, BUT WHOEVER GAVE YOU THE IMPLANT DIDN'T TELL YOU--

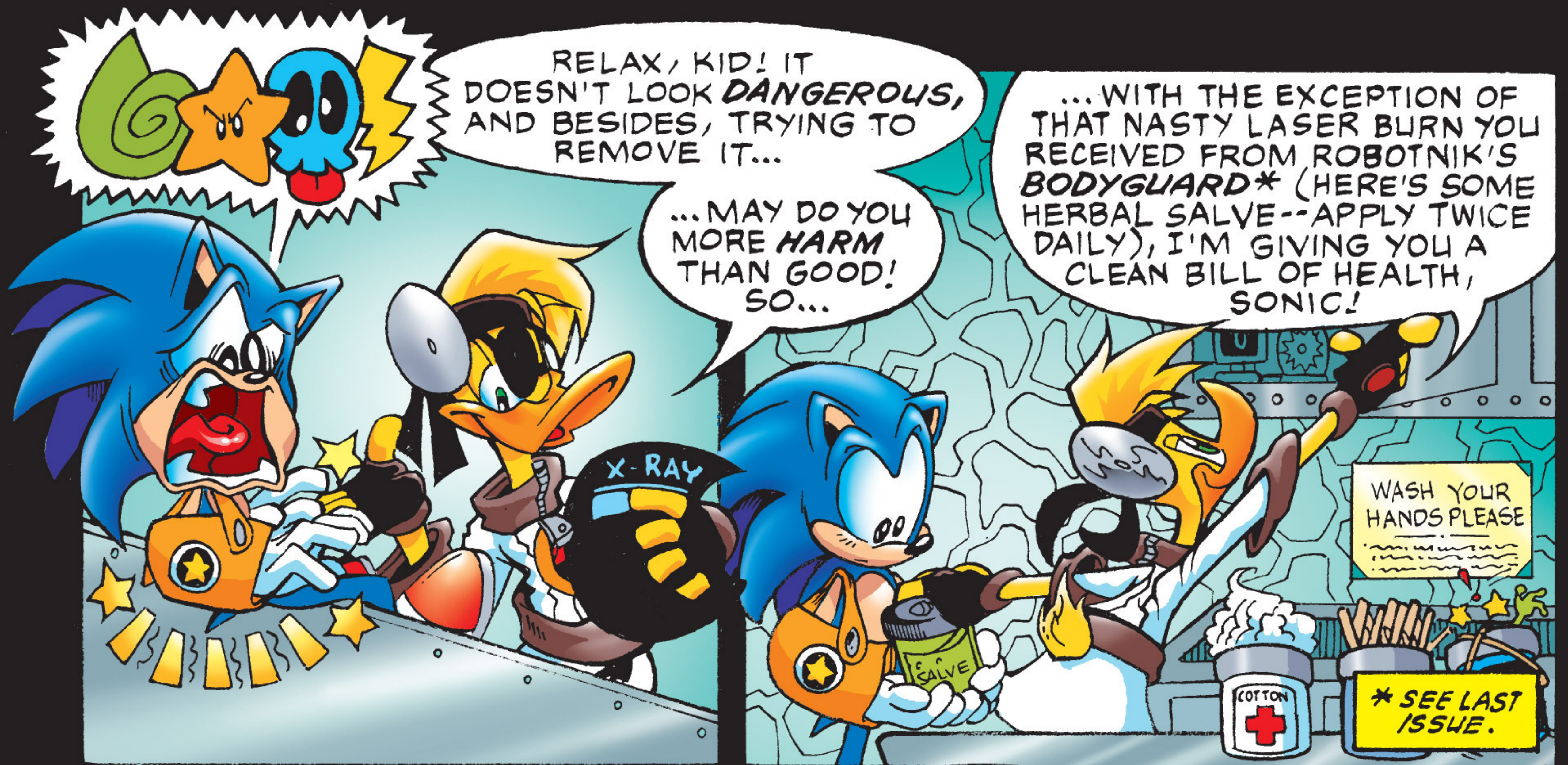
WHAT?! YOU MEAN IT'S PART OF ME?! WELL, DOC YOU'VE GOTTA GET RID OF IT!!

-- THAT IT WOULD ALSO BOND WITH YOUR NERVOUS SYSTEM!

- HEDGEHOG KNOW CLIP
- CYCLOPS EYE
- BILLION RING
- SUPER SPEED
- SUPER SONIC
- MAGNIFY X10
- INNER EAR FOREIGN OBJ.

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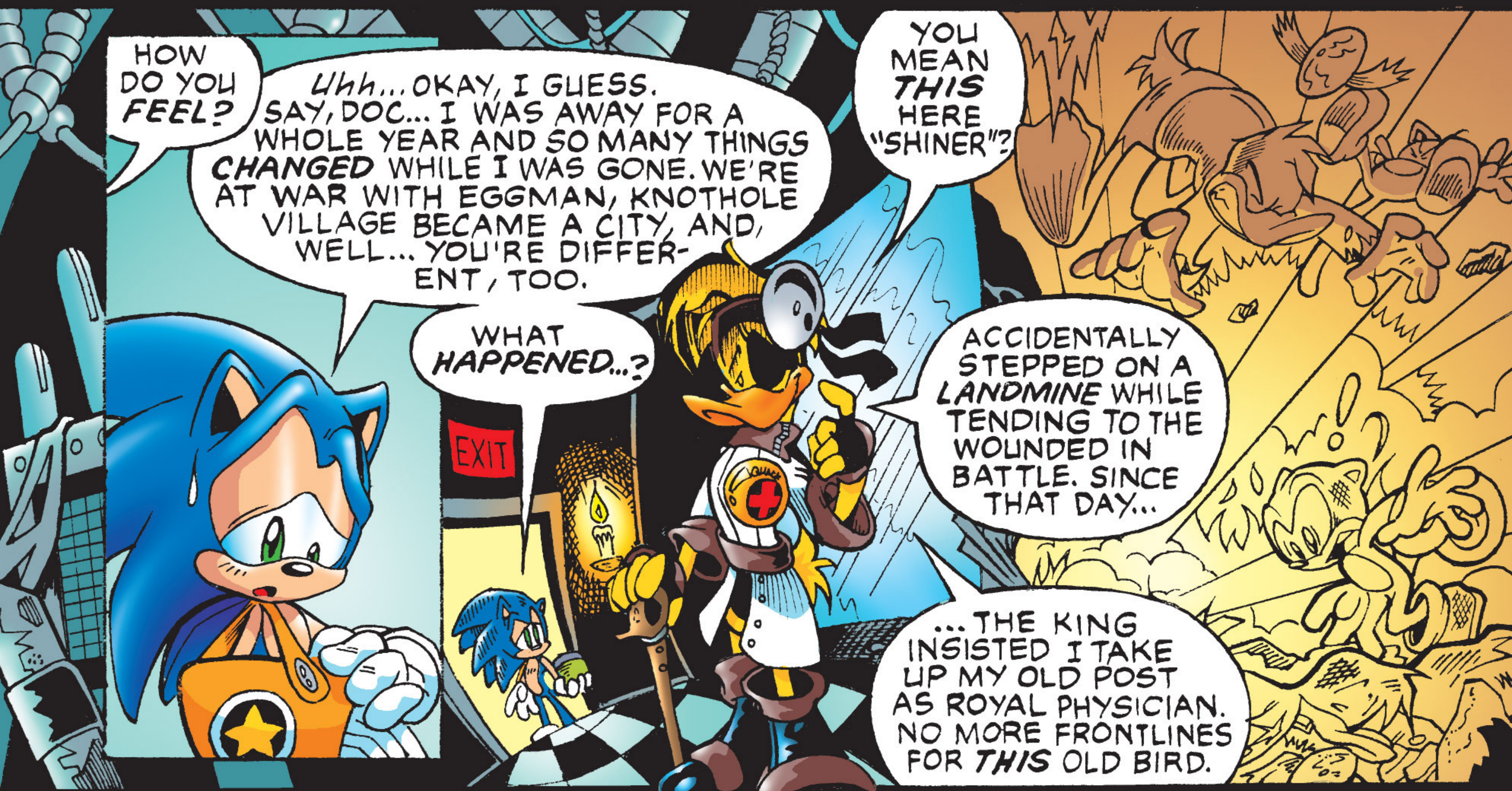
RELAX, KID! IT DOESN'T LOOK **DANGEROUS**, AND BESIDES, TRYING TO REMOVE IT...

...WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT NASTY LASER BURN YOU RECEIVED FROM ROBOTNIK'S **BODYGUARD\*** (HERE'S SOME HERBAL SALVE--APPLY TWICE DAILY), I'M GIVING YOU A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH, SONIC!

...MAY DO YOU MORE **HARM** THAN GOOD! SO...

WASH YOUR HANDS PLEASE

\* SEE LAST ISSUE.



HOW DO YOU FEEL?

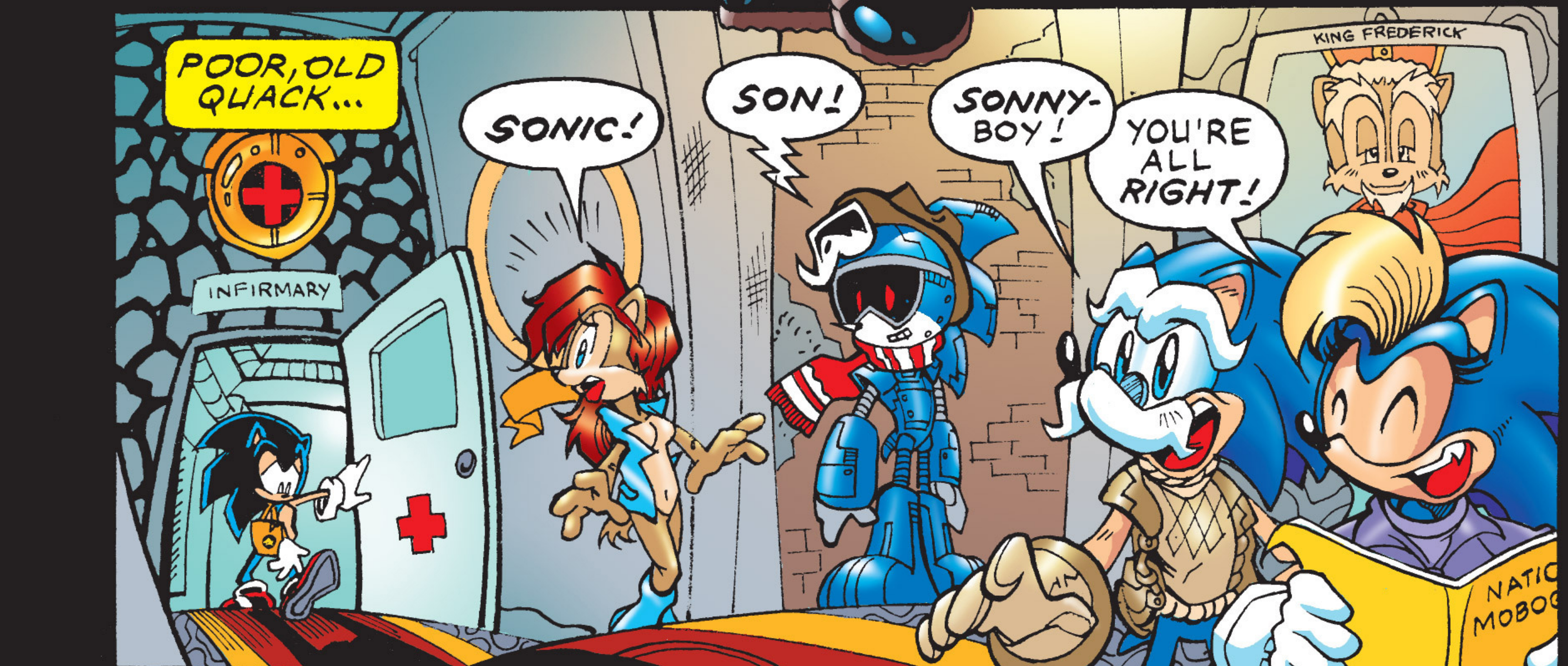
Uhh... OKAY, I GUESS. SAY, DOC... I WAS AWAY FOR A WHOLE YEAR AND SO MANY THINGS **CHANGED** WHILE I WAS GONE. WE'RE AT WAR WITH EGGMAN, KNOTHOLE VILLAGE BECAME A CITY, AND, WELL... YOU'RE DIFFERENT, TOO.

YOU MEAN **THIS** HERE "SHINER"?

WHAT HAPPENED...?

ACCIDENTALLY STEPPED ON A **LANDMINE** WHILE TENDING TO THE WOUNDED IN BATTLE. SINCE THAT DAY...

... THE KING INSISTED I TAKE UP MY OLD POST AS ROYAL PHYSICIAN. NO MORE FRONTLINES FOR **THIS** OLD BIRD.



POOR, OLD QLACK...

INFIRMARY

SONIC!

SON!

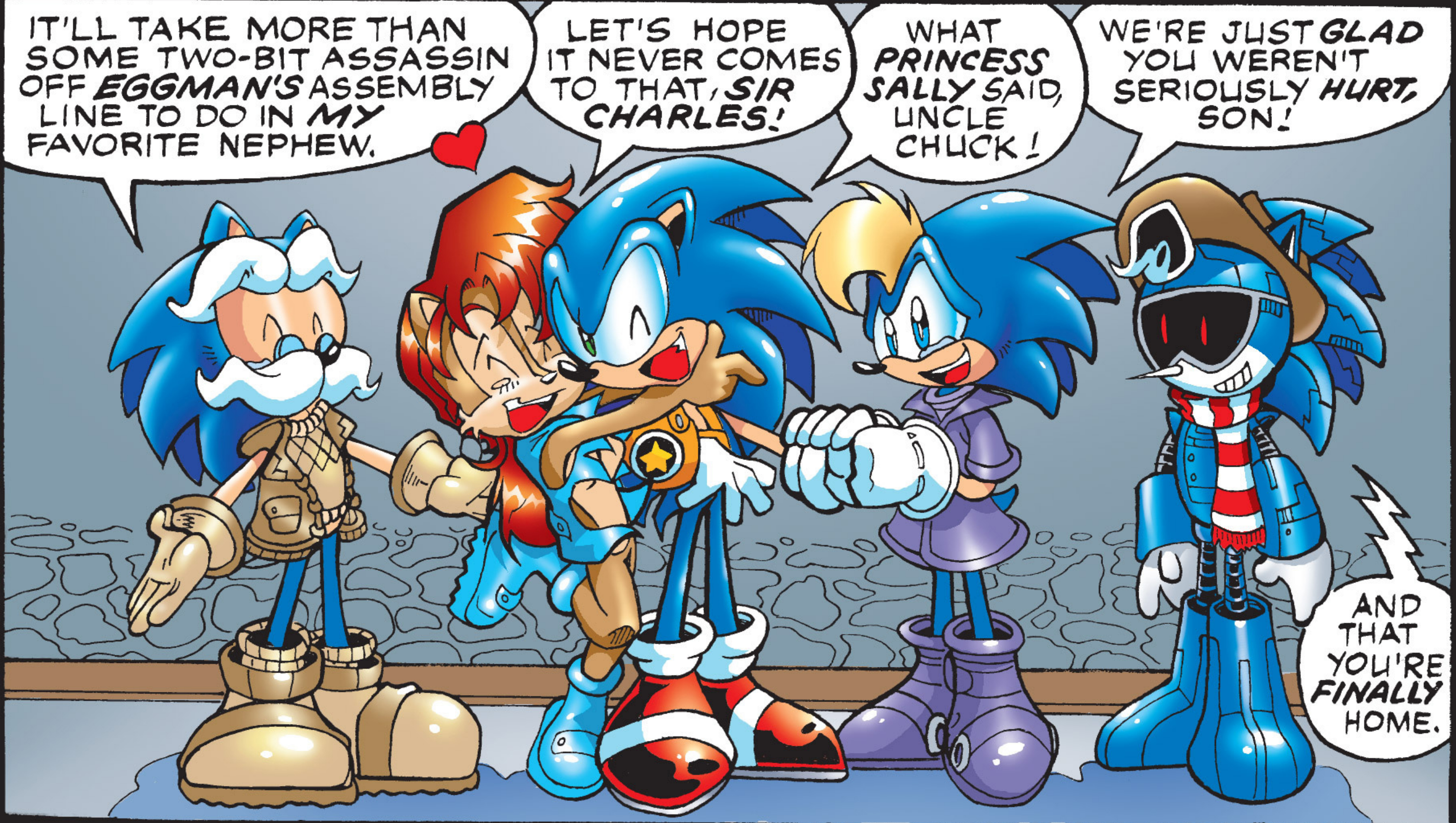
SONNY-BOY!

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

KING FREDERICK

NATIC MOBOE





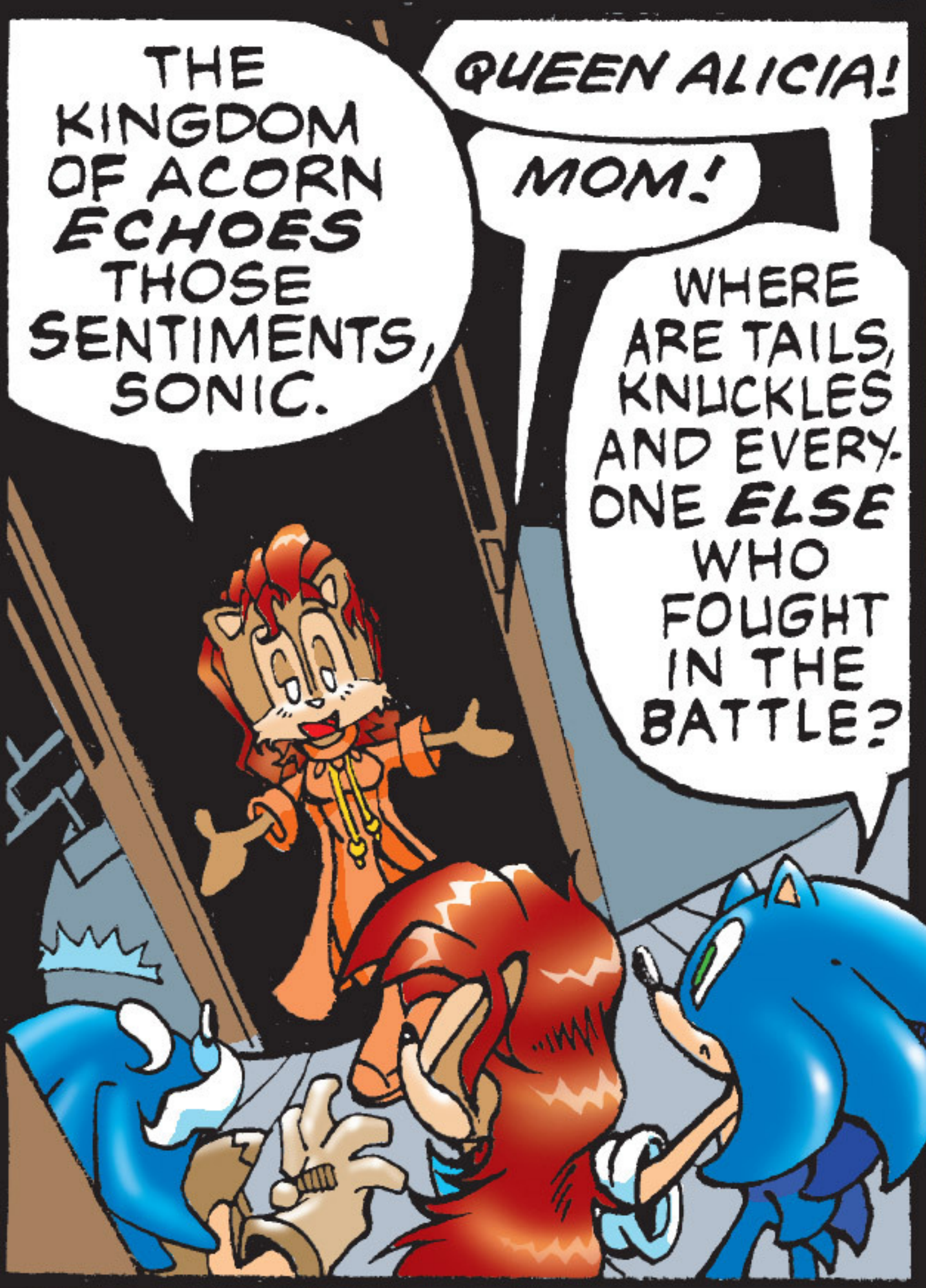
IT'LL TAKE MORE THAN SOME TWO-BIT ASSASSIN OFF EGGMAN'S ASSEMBLY LINE TO DO IN MY FAVORITE NEPHEW.

LET'S HOPE IT NEVER COMES TO THAT, SIR CHARLES!

WHAT PRINCESS SALLY SAID, UNCLE CHUCK!

WE'RE JUST GLAD YOU WEREN'T SERIOUSLY HURT, SON!

AND THAT YOU'RE FINALLY HOME.



THE KINGDOM OF ACORN ECHOES THOSE SENTIMENTS, SONIC.

QUEEN ALICIA! MOM!

WHERE ARE TAILS, KNUCKLES AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO FOUGHT IN THE BATTLE?



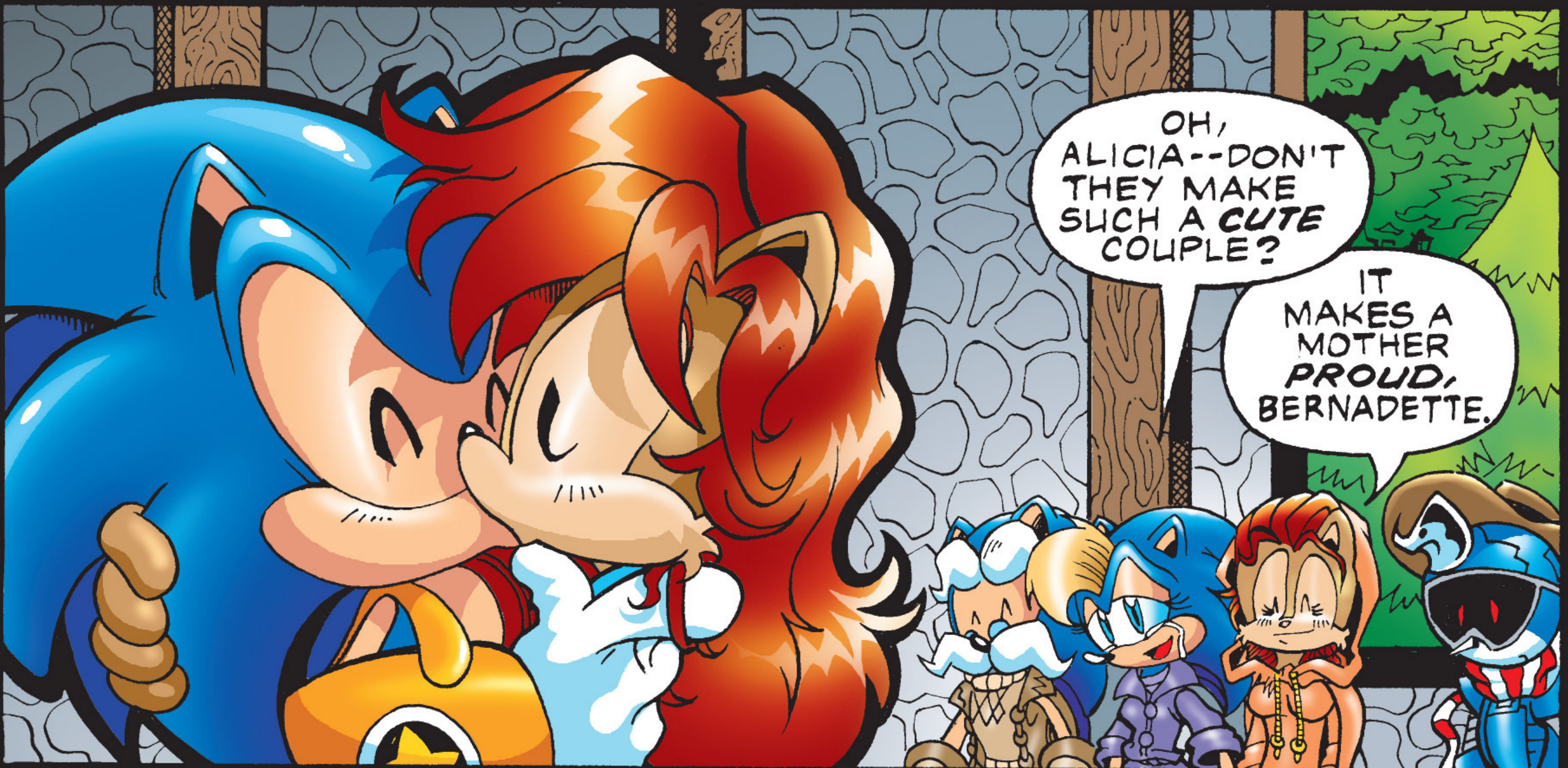
KING MAX IS DEBRIEFING THEM IN THE ROYAL READY ROOM. DON'T WORRY, THEY'LL ALL BE ATTENDING TONIGHT'S CELEBRATION.



CELEBRATION?

TO HONOR YOUR RETURN! IN THE MEANTIME, YOU SHOULD GO AND GET SOME REST.

IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG NIGHT!



OH, ALICIA--DON'T THEY MAKE SUCH A CUTE COUPLE?

IT MAKES A MOTHER PROUD, BERNADETTE.



Soon...

I'M GOING TO FIX YOU YOU A **HUGE** PLATE OF CHILIDOGS, SON.

CAN'T WAIT, MOM. BOY, I **STILL** CAN'T GET OVER HOW MUCH EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED!

A LOT CAN HAPPEN IN A YEAR, SONNY-BOY. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, JULES?

I--

POP POP MY EYES! POP WHRR

KLIK

This panel shows a dynamic action sequence. On the left, Sally is shown in a dynamic pose with the sound effect 'POP'. In the center, Sonic is depicted with a shocked expression, his eyes wide and mouth open, with the sound effect 'KLIK' below him. On the right, Jules is shown in a dynamic pose with the sound effect 'POP' and 'WHRR'. A speech bubble above Jules says 'MY EYES!'.

LIVE

WE ARE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM KNOTHOLE CITY, WHERE THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY IS JUST LEAVING CASTLE ACORN...

SONIC! SONIC!

IS IT **TRUE** YOU WERE IN OUTER SPACE ALL THIS TIME? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?

WAS **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK** SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE? HOW DID YOU GET BACK?

This panel depicts a live broadcast from Knothole City. A small inset shows Sonic on a screen with the word 'LIVE' next to it. A large speech bubble reads: 'WE ARE BROADCASTING LIVE FROM KNOTHOLE CITY, WHERE THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY IS JUST LEAVING CASTLE ACORN...'. Below, a crowd of Mobians is gathered, with several characters asking questions. One character exclaims 'SONIC! SONIC!'. Another asks, 'IS IT **TRUE** YOU WERE IN OUTER SPACE ALL THIS TIME? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?'. A third asks, 'WAS **DOCTOR ROBOTNIK** SOMEHOW RESPONSIBLE? HOW DID YOU GET BACK?'.

WELL-- ARE YOU **STILL** PRINCESS SALLY'S CONSORT?

--I--

HOW DO YOU **FEEL** ABOUT THE WAR?

ANY **FUTURE** PLANS?

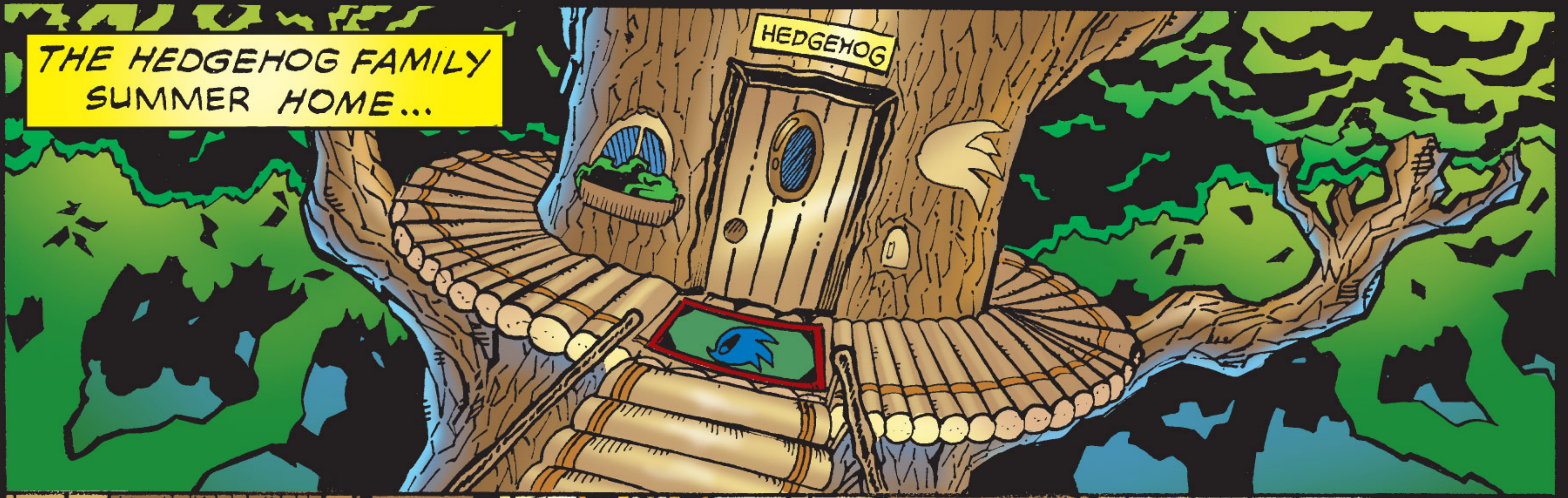
ARE YOUR **FEET** BLUE, TOO?

CAN YOU **HOLD** THAT POSE?

This panel shows a large crowd of Mobians gathered around Sonic and Sally. Several characters are asking questions. One asks, 'WELL-- ARE YOU **STILL** PRINCESS SALLY'S CONSORT?'. Another character says, '--I--'. A third asks, 'HOW DO YOU **FEEL** ABOUT THE WAR?'. A fourth asks, 'ANY **FUTURE** PLANS?'. A fifth asks, 'ARE YOUR **FEET** BLUE, TOO?'. A sixth asks, 'CAN YOU **HOLD** THAT POSE?'.



THE HEDGEHOG FAMILY  
SUMMER HOME...



WE KEPT YOUR ROOM THE WAY IT WAS BEFORE YOU... WELL...

YOUR MOTHER AND I COULDN'T BRING OURSELVES TO CHANGE IT, SON.

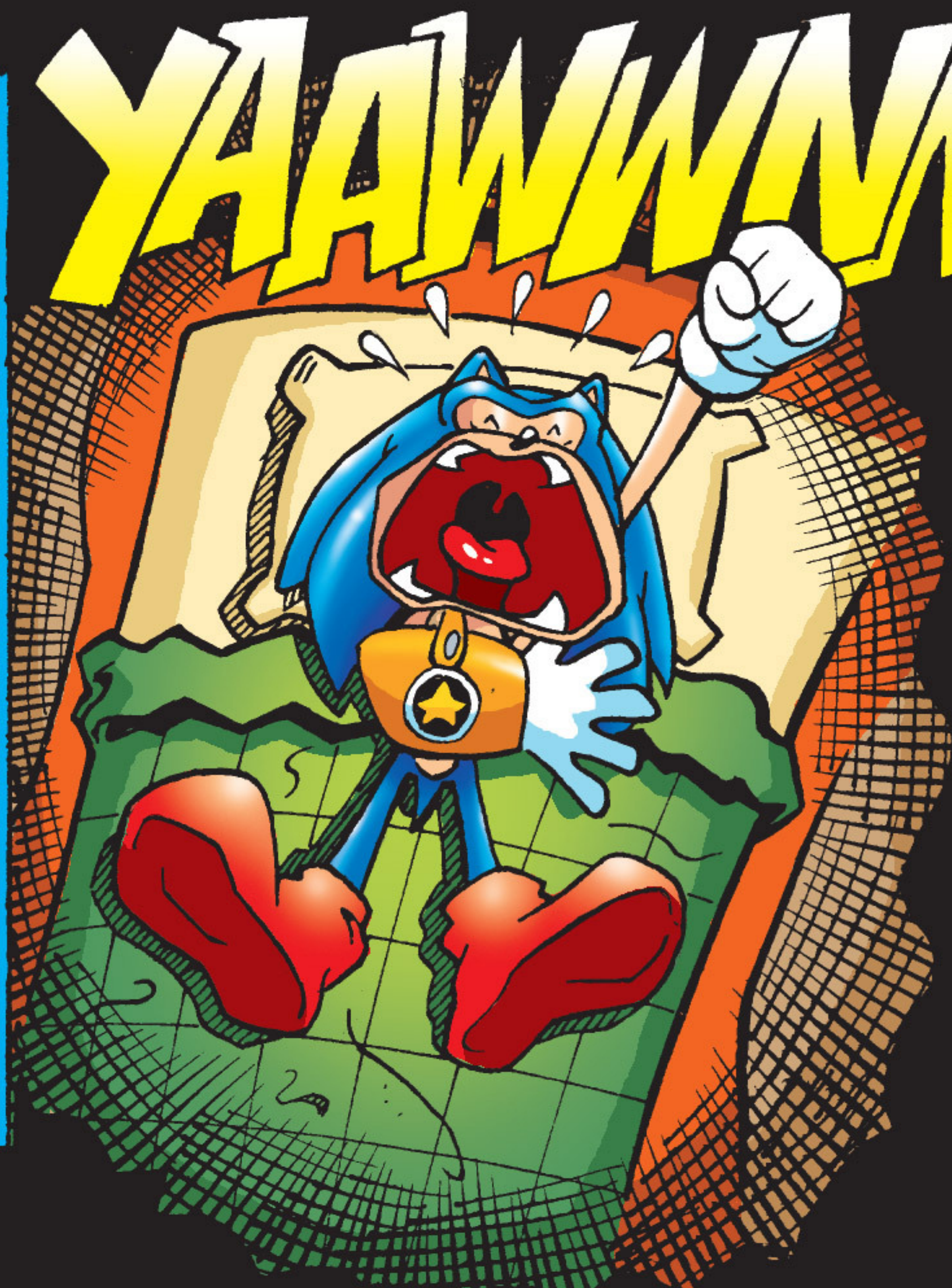
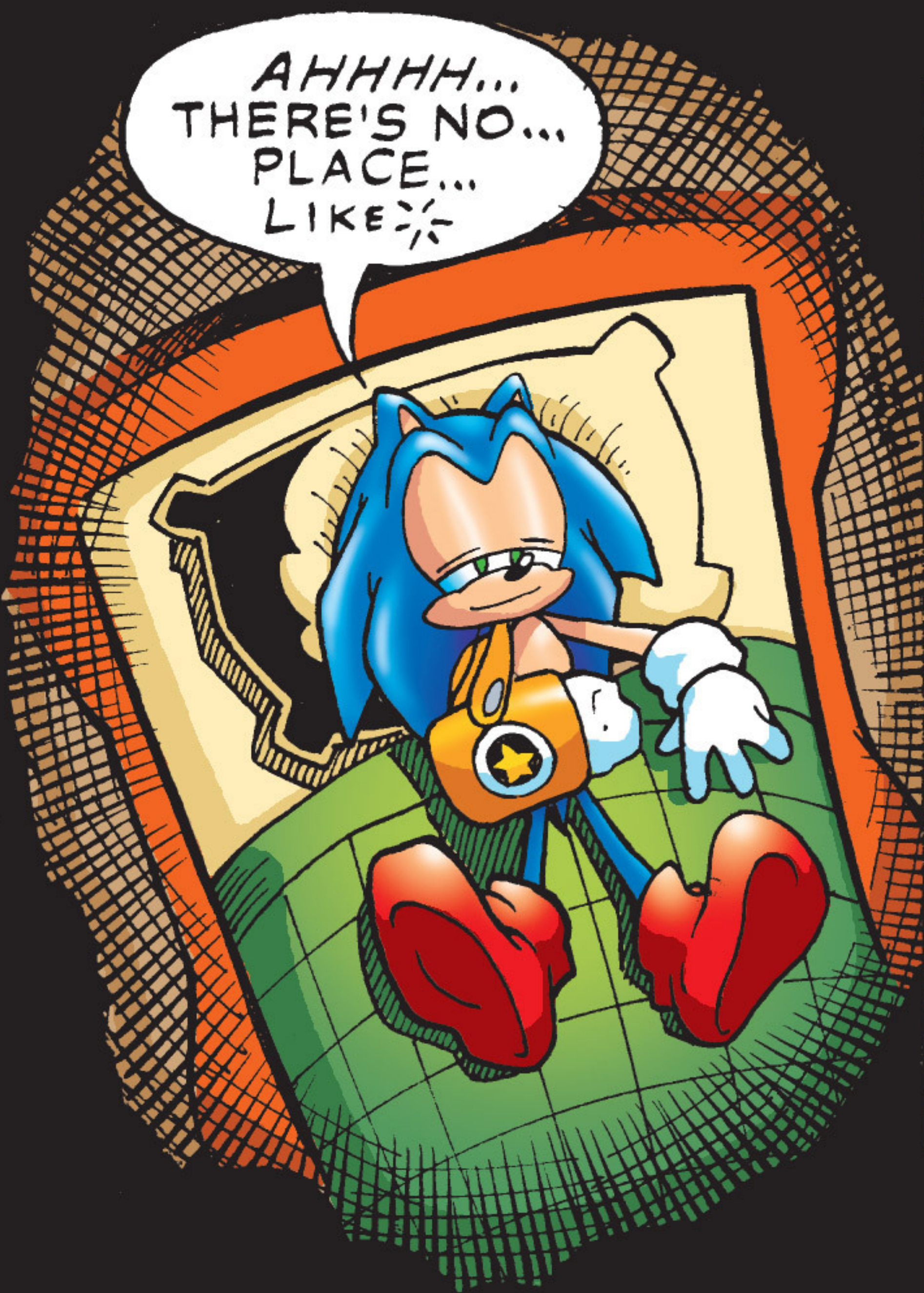
... 'CAUSE I'M BACK FOR GOOD AND WE'RE A FAMILY AGAIN!

YOU SAID IT!

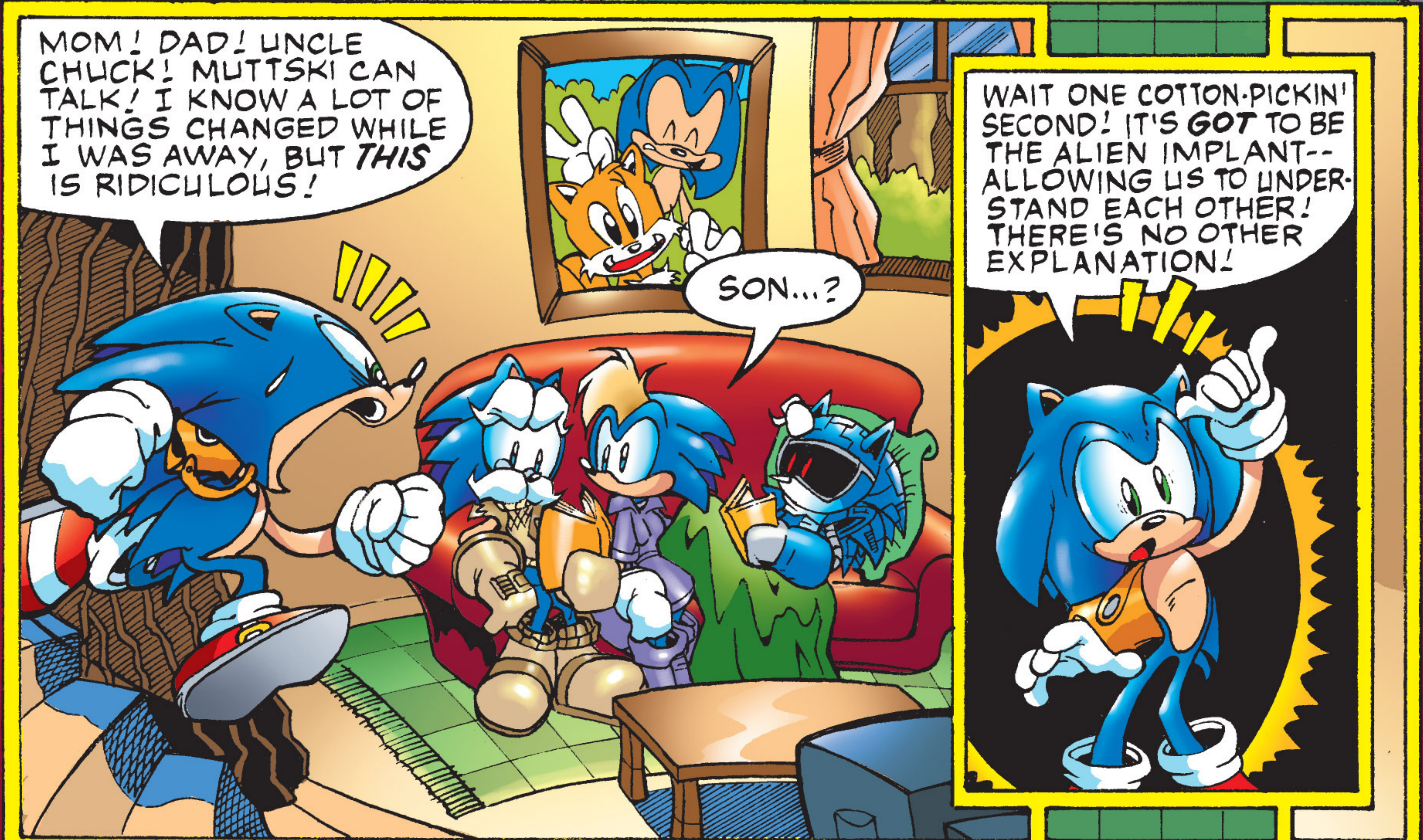
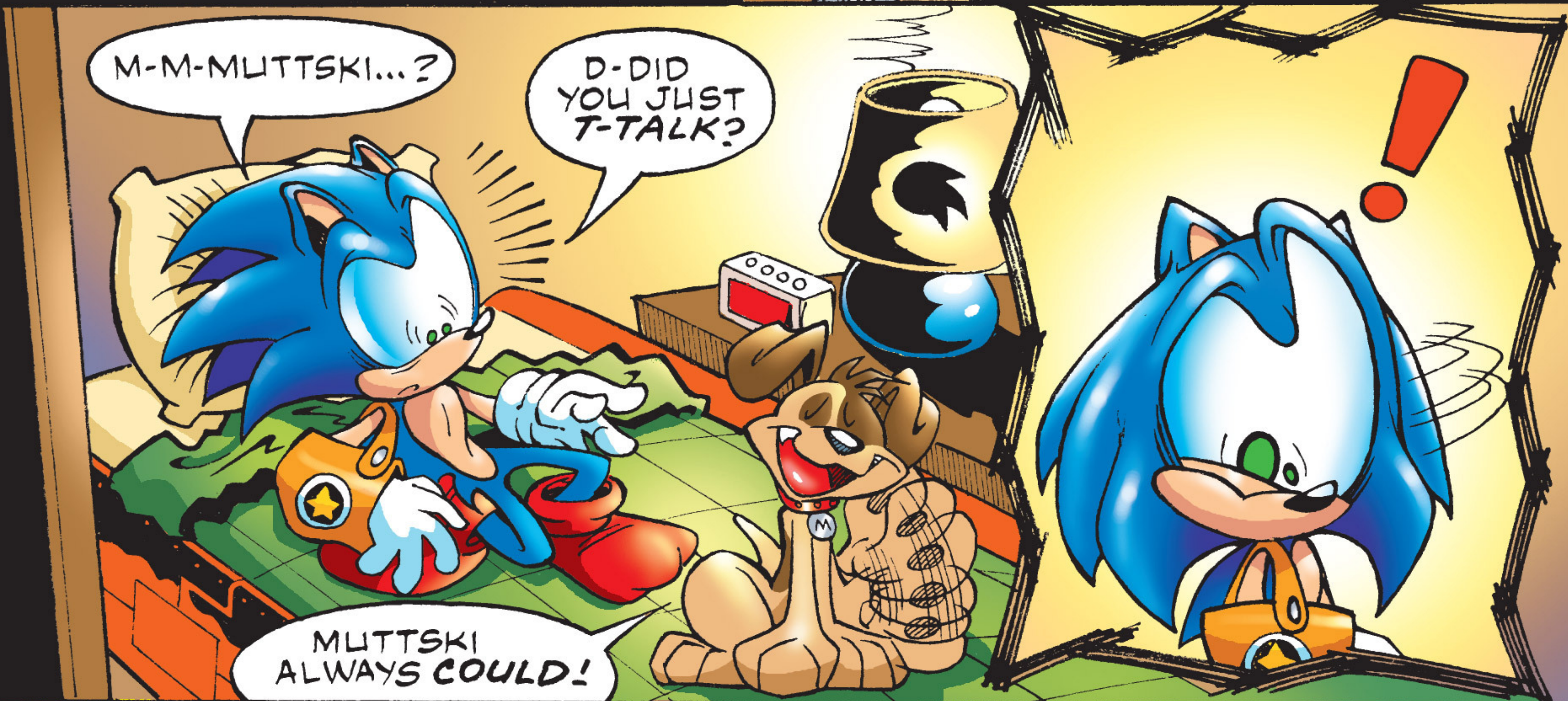
YOU WERE RIGHT NOT TO, DAD...

AHHHH... THERE'S NO... PLACE... LIKE\*

YAAWWWW









KNEW I'D FIND HIM HERE.

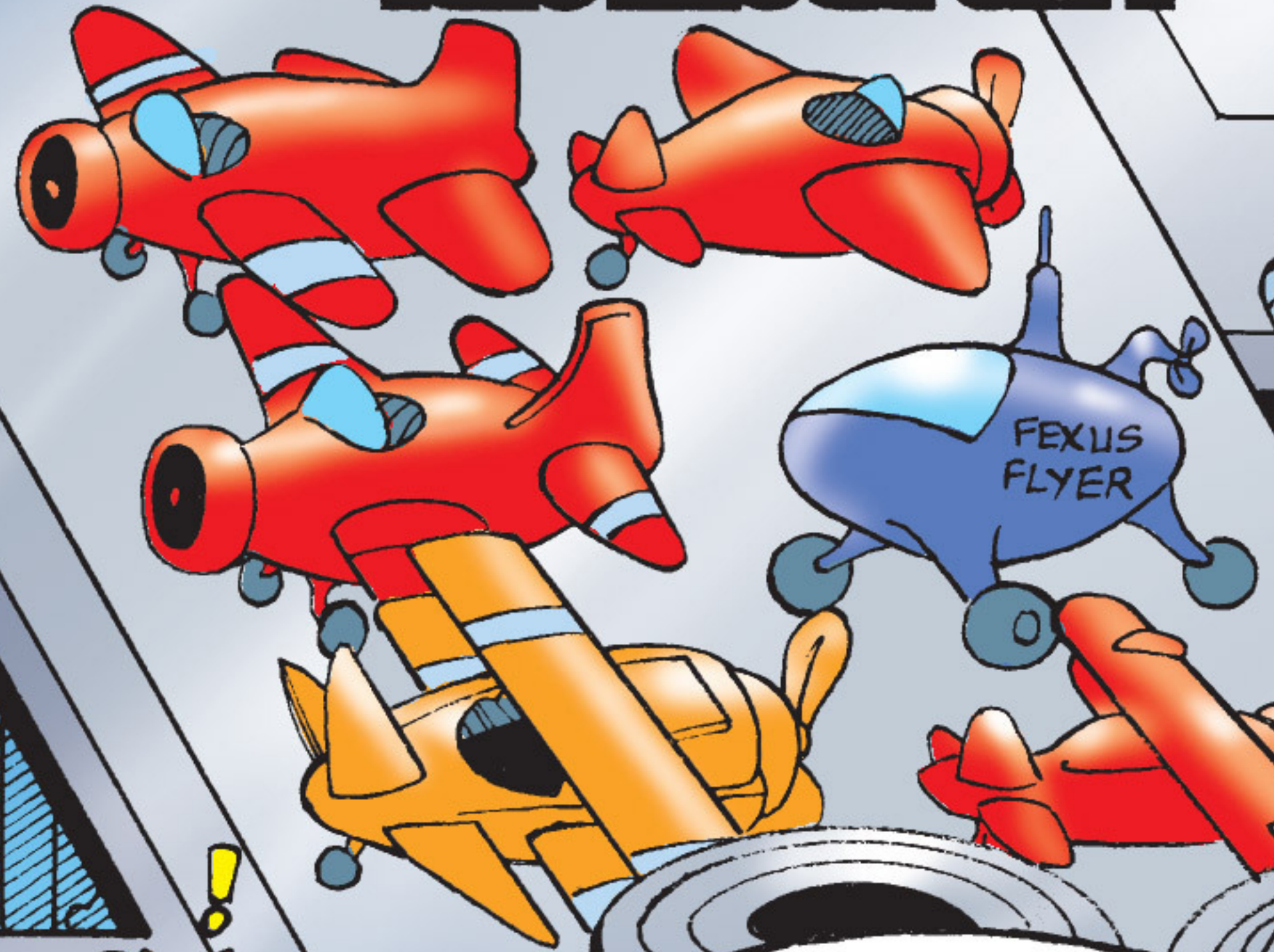
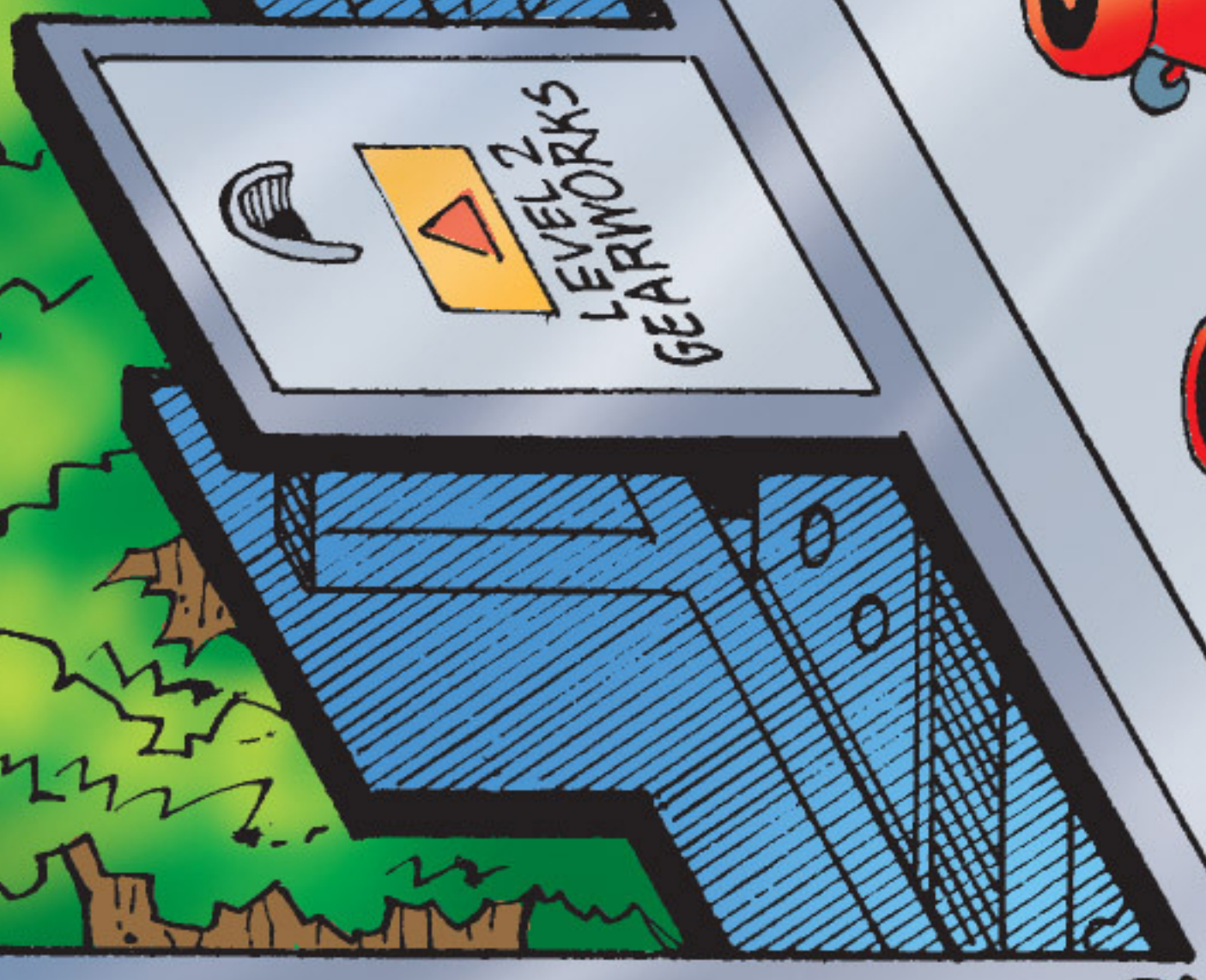
YO, TAILS!



S'UP?



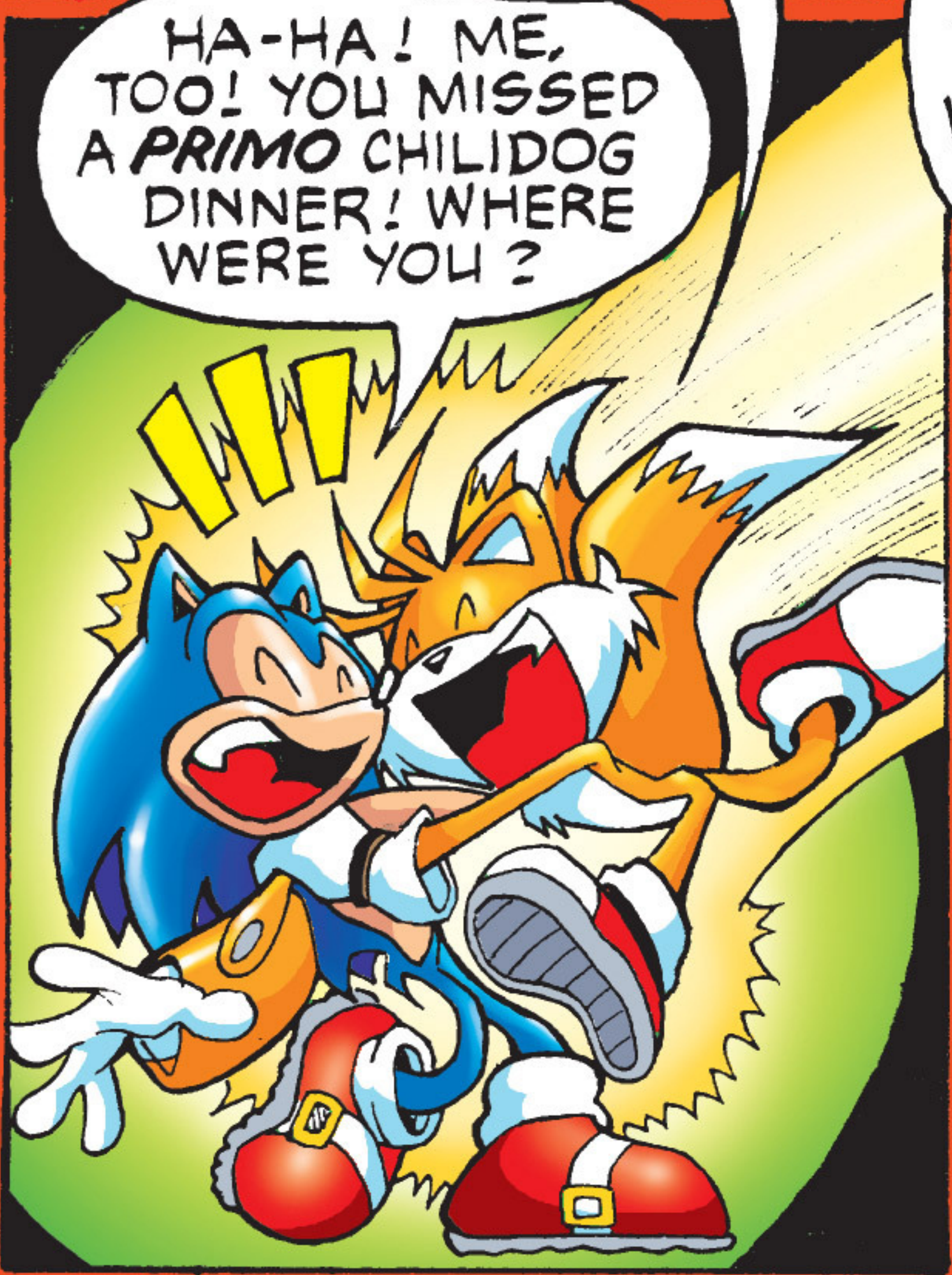
# FREDERICK'S AIRBASE— KNOTHOLE CITY



YAAAYY!  
SONIC!! I'M SO  
GLAD YOU'RE  
OKAY!

HA-HA! ME,  
TOO! YOU MISSED  
A PRIMO CHILIDOG  
DINNER! WHERE  
WERE YOU?

KING MAX  
ASKED US QUESTIONS  
ABOUT OUR MISSION AND I  
TOLD HIM HOW I OUTSMARTED  
A.D.A.M. WITH RIDDLES\*AND  
THEN I CAME HOME, BUT YOU  
WOULDN'T WAKE UP NO MATTER  
HOW HARD I TRIED, SO I  
DECIDED TO WORK ON  
'THE TORNADO.'



\*SEE STH  
#132-133.

DECK KNOTHOLE DECK  
AREA1 CITY AREA2



WELL, I'M GLAD I GOT TO SEE YOU BEFORE THE BIG PARTY TONIGHT. WE HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE FOR A ONE ON ONE SINCE I GOT BACK.

DID YOU MAKE ANY NEW FRIENDS?

TAILS? BUD? I'VE GOT SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU...

WERE YOU REALLY IN SPACE THE *WHOLE* YEAR, SONIC?

UH-HUH, BUT IT ONLY FELT LIKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS WENT BY WHERE I WAS!



M-MY P-PARENTS?! THEY'RE ALIVE?! ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE UNIVERSE?

TOTALLY, DUDE.

AND THEY'RE REALLY OKAY?

YEP!

THEY ASKED ME TO GIVE YOU THIS.



TH-THERE'S A BUTTON ON IT...



HELLO, MILES. IF YOU ARE SEEING THIS HOLO-MESSAGE IT MEANS THAT SONIC SUCCEEDED. YOUR MOTHER AND I MISS YOU DEARLY, SON.

THOUGH A UNIVERSE SEPARATES US FROM EACH OTHER, OUR LOVE FOR YOU HAS NO BOUNDARIES...

MOM... DAD...

WELL, MY JOB HERE IS DONE.





MY NAME IS  
MINA

OOH, BABY, A MONGOOSE  
NOT JUST ANOTHER TEEN-UN  
PEOPLE CALL ME "SONGOOSE"

TRAPPED IN A CAGE  
NO MATTER WHAT I DO  
WHEN I'M THINKIN'  
'BOUT YOU  
EVEN THE STAGE  
TURNS BLUE

**GREEN HILL PARK**

SAY, WHO'S THIS SHINDIG FOR,  
ANYWAY?

SONIC--YOU MADE IT!

I WOULDN'T HAVE MISSED  
IT FOR THE WORLD, SAL!

THE KINGDOM OF ACORN  
OFFICIALLY WELCOMES YOU  
HOME, MY BOY!

THANKS,  
SIRE!

I COULDN'T  
IMAGINE  
BEING ANY-  
WHERE ELSE.

LNR  
SNE

VOTE  
FEXUS  
FAN

Z

KNOTHOLE  
KNUTS

MINA  
MONGOOSE  
\*SINGS\*  
SCOOTER  
THEIR  
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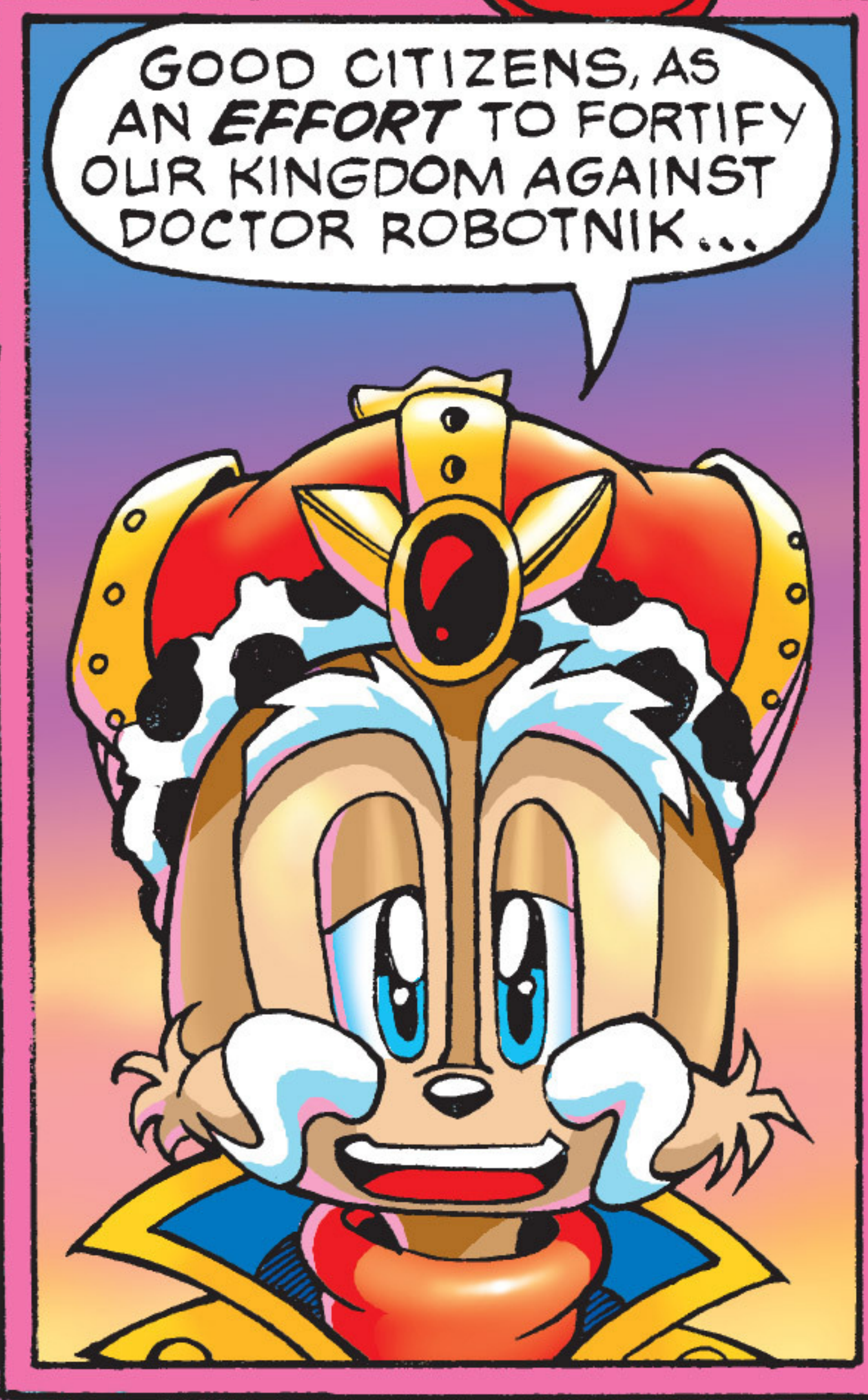
COME ALONG, ALL. I HAVE A VERY **IMPORTANT** ANNOUNCEMENT.

ANNOUNCEMENT?

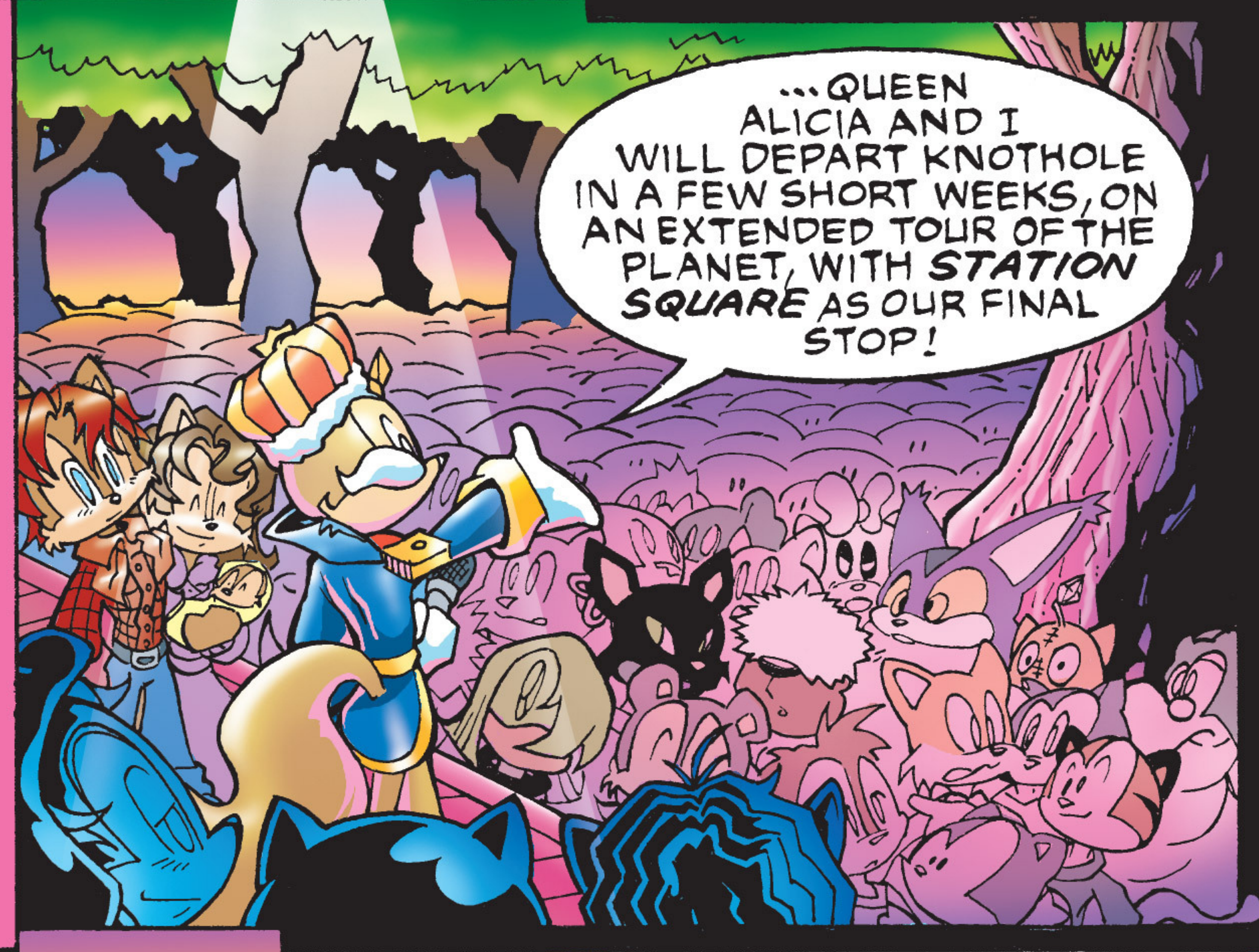


HERE YOU GO, SIRE!

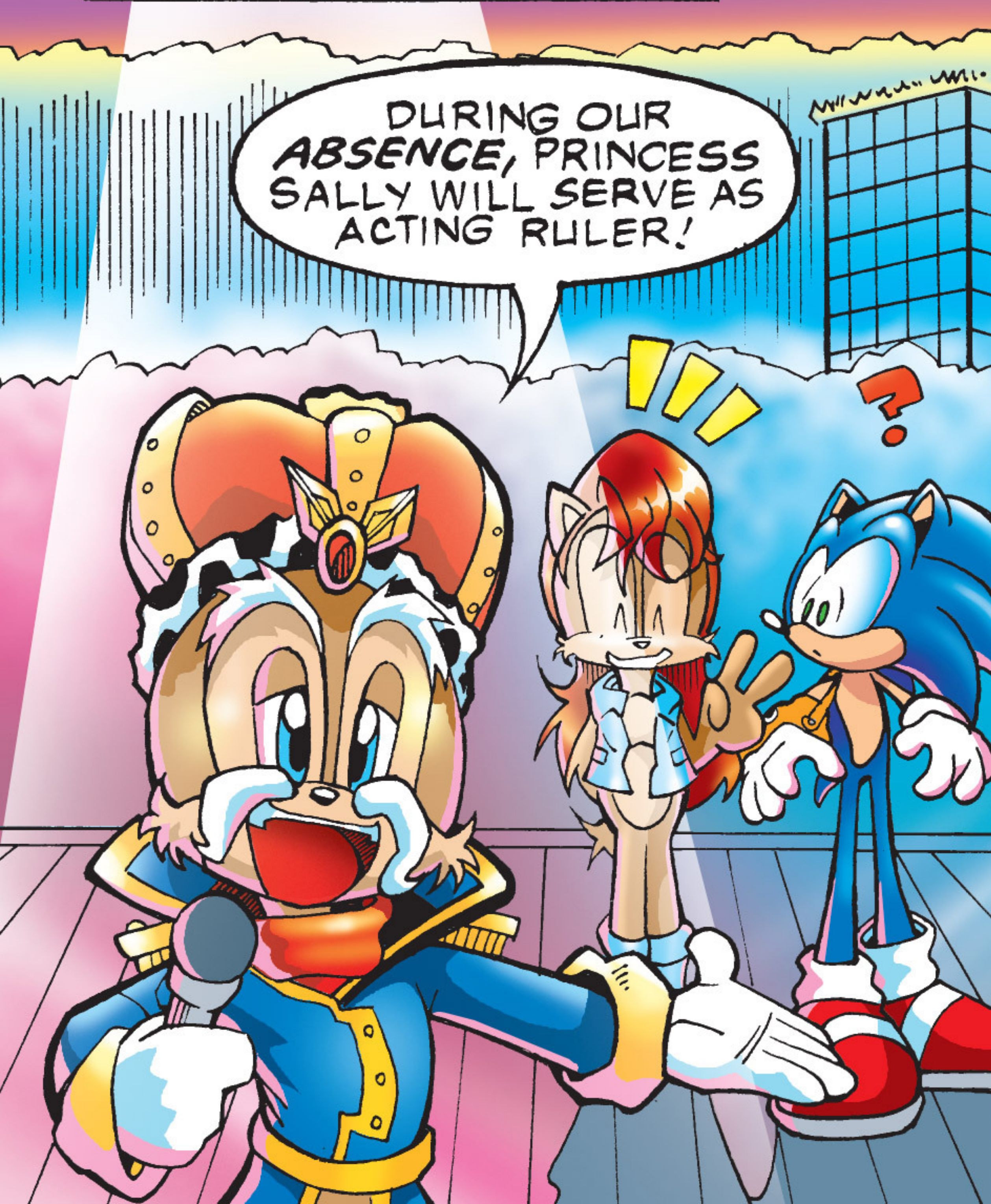
WHY THANK YOU, MINA!



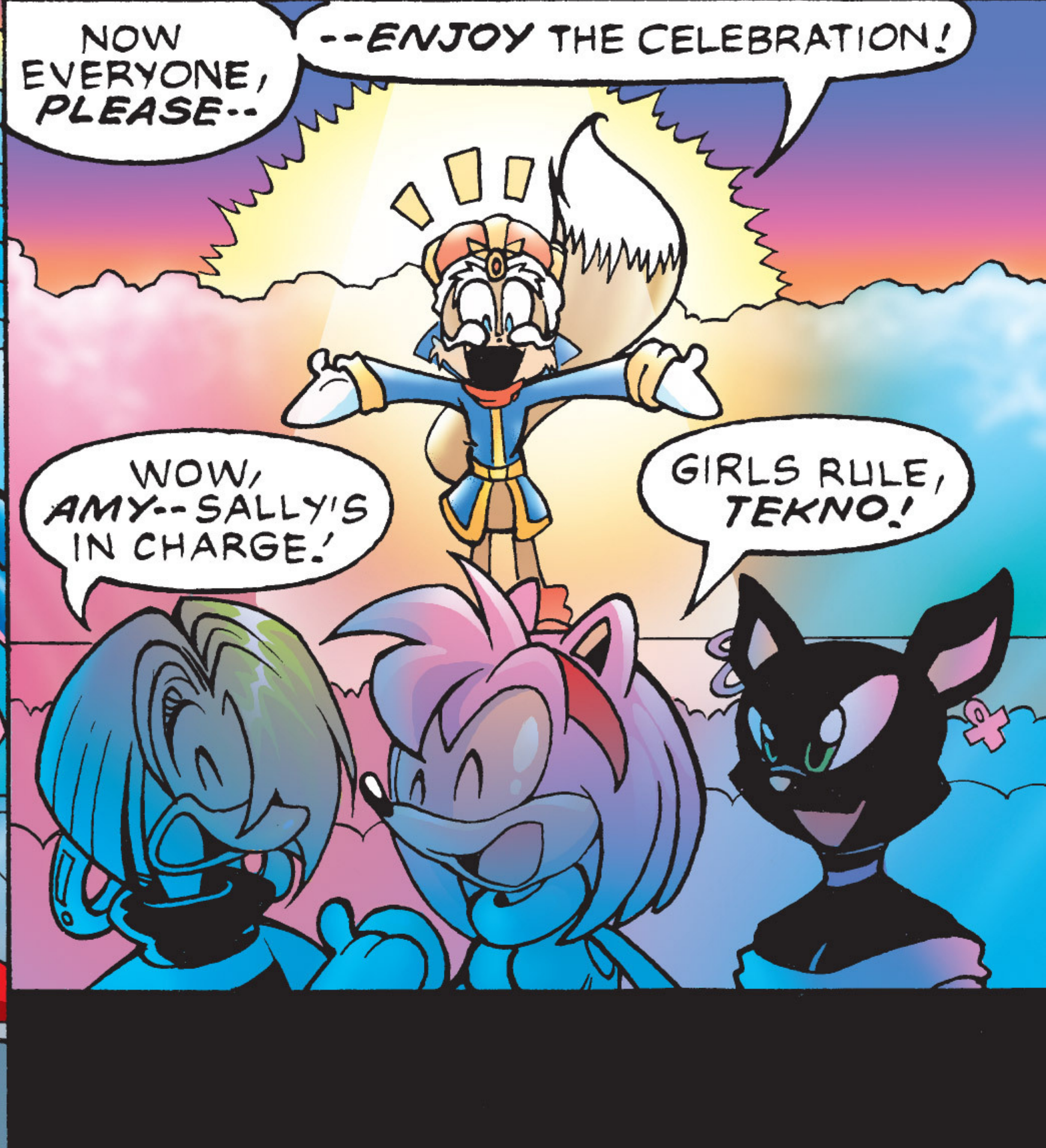
GOOD CITIZENS, AS AN **EFFORT** TO FORTIFY OUR KINGDOM AGAINST DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...



...QUEEN ALICIA AND I WILL DEPART KNOTHOLE IN A FEW SHORT WEEKS, ON AN EXTENDED TOUR OF THE PLANET, WITH **STATION SQUARE** AS OUR FINAL STOP!



DURING OUR **ABSENCE**, PRINCESS SALLY WILL SERVE AS ACTING RULER!



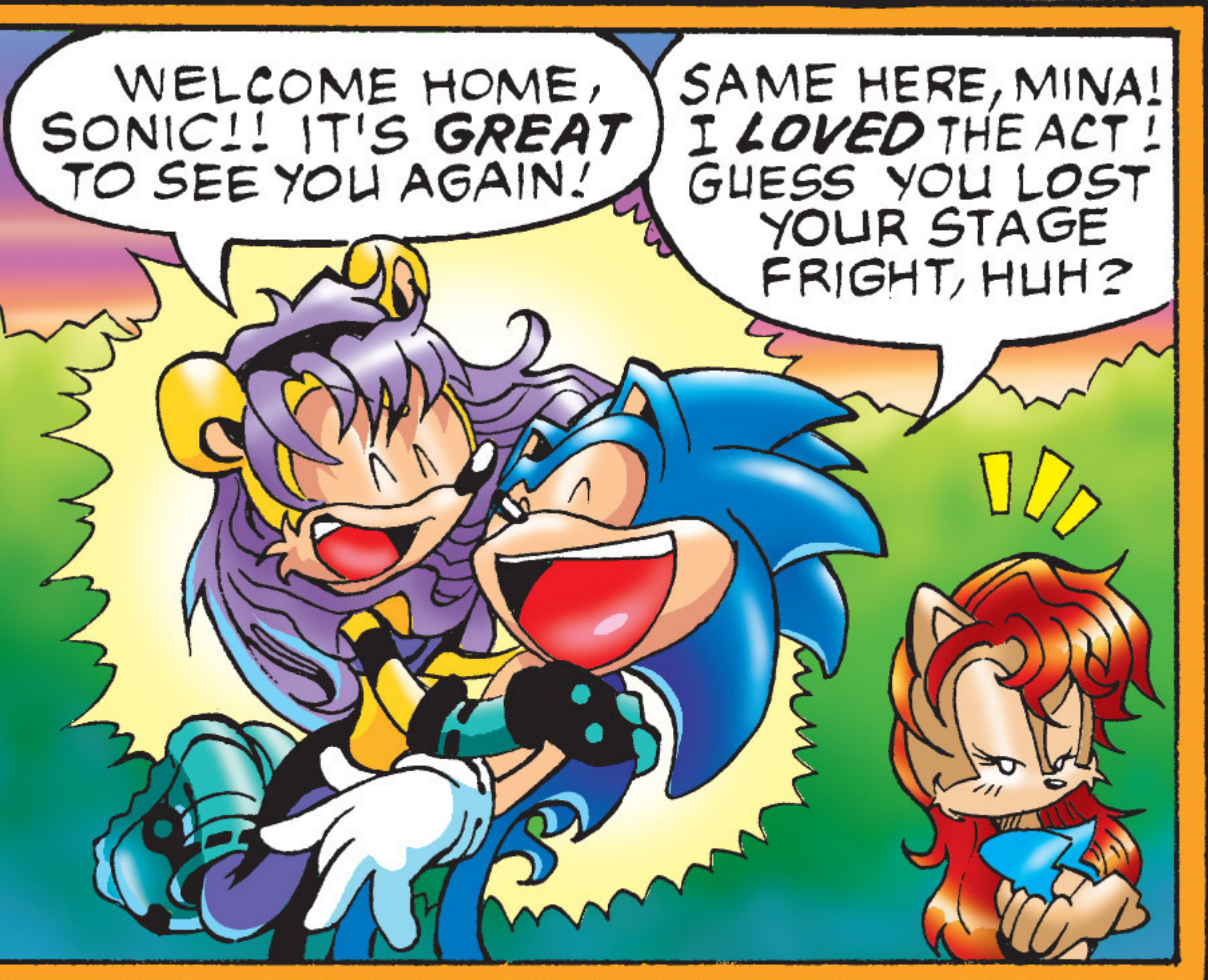
NOW EVERYONE, PLEASE--

--ENJOY THE CELEBRATION!

WOW, AMY-- SALLY'S IN CHARGE!

GIRLS RULE, TEKNO!





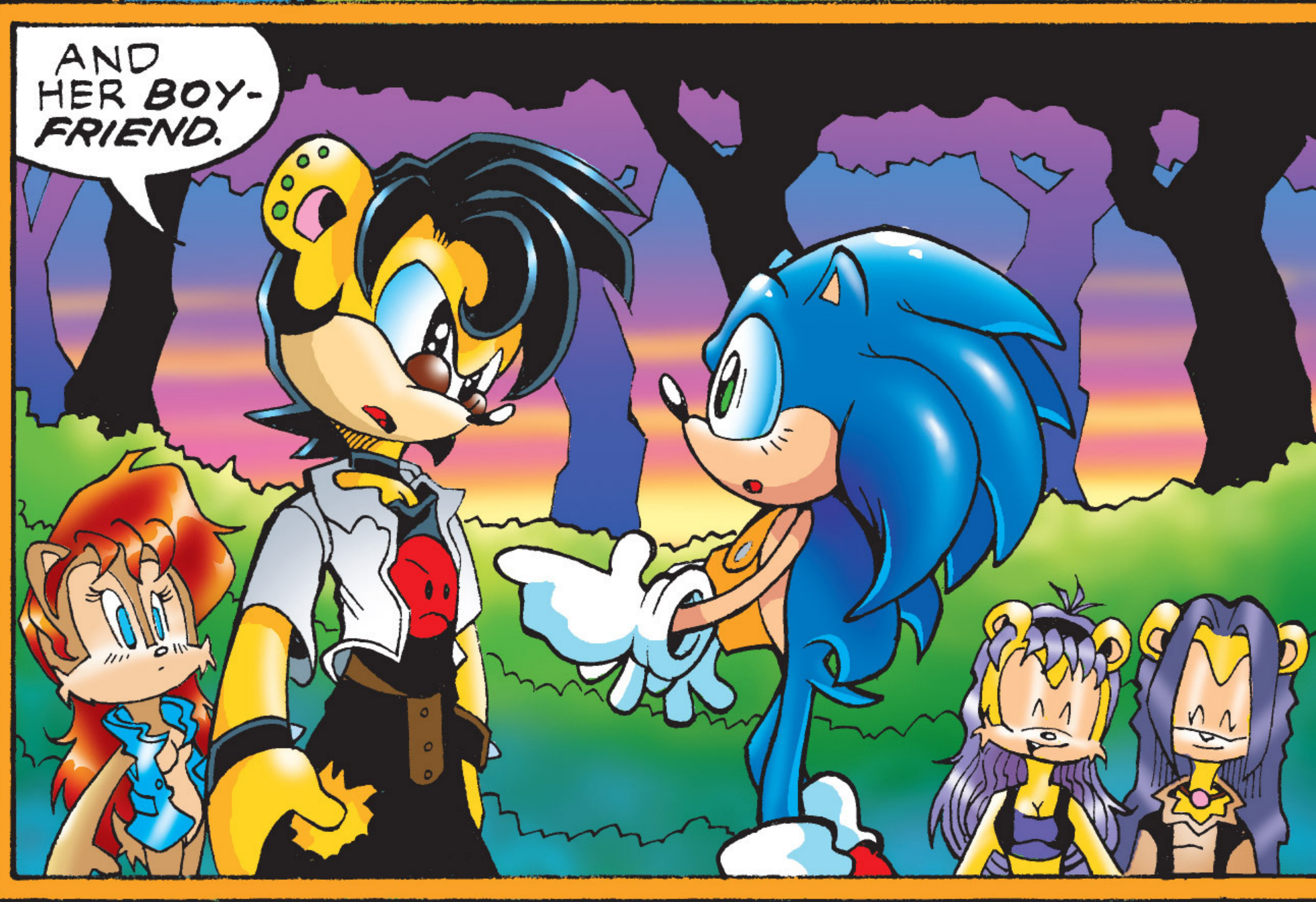
WELCOME HOME, SONIC!! IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

SAME HERE, MINA! I LOVED THE ACT! GUESS YOU LOST YOUR STAGE FRIGHT, HUH?

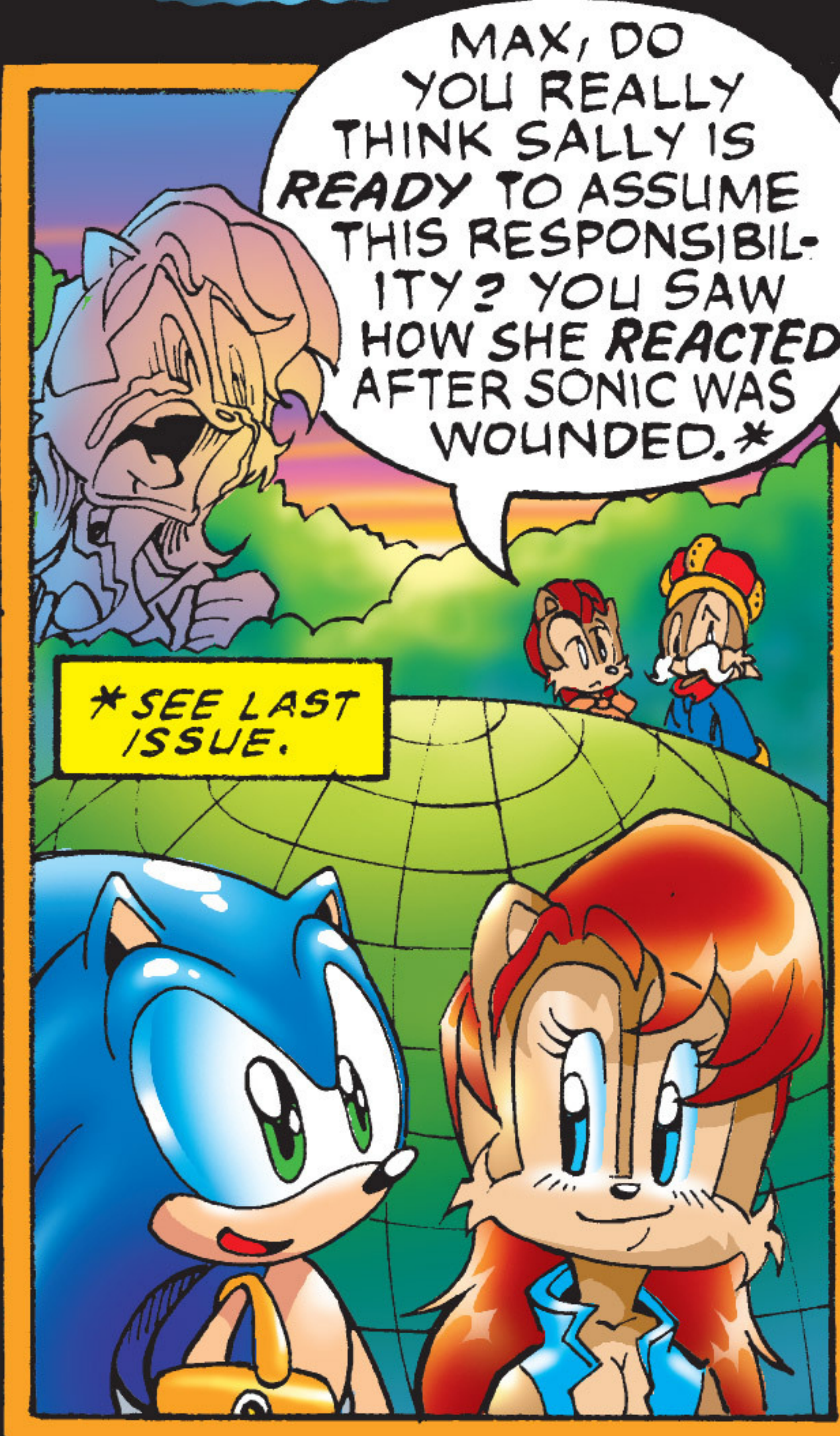


WELL, WHEN KING MAX ASKED ME TO AID IN THE WAR EFFORT BY SINGING FOR THE TROOPS, HOW COULD I SAY NO?

MEET ASH-- HE'S MY MANAGER!

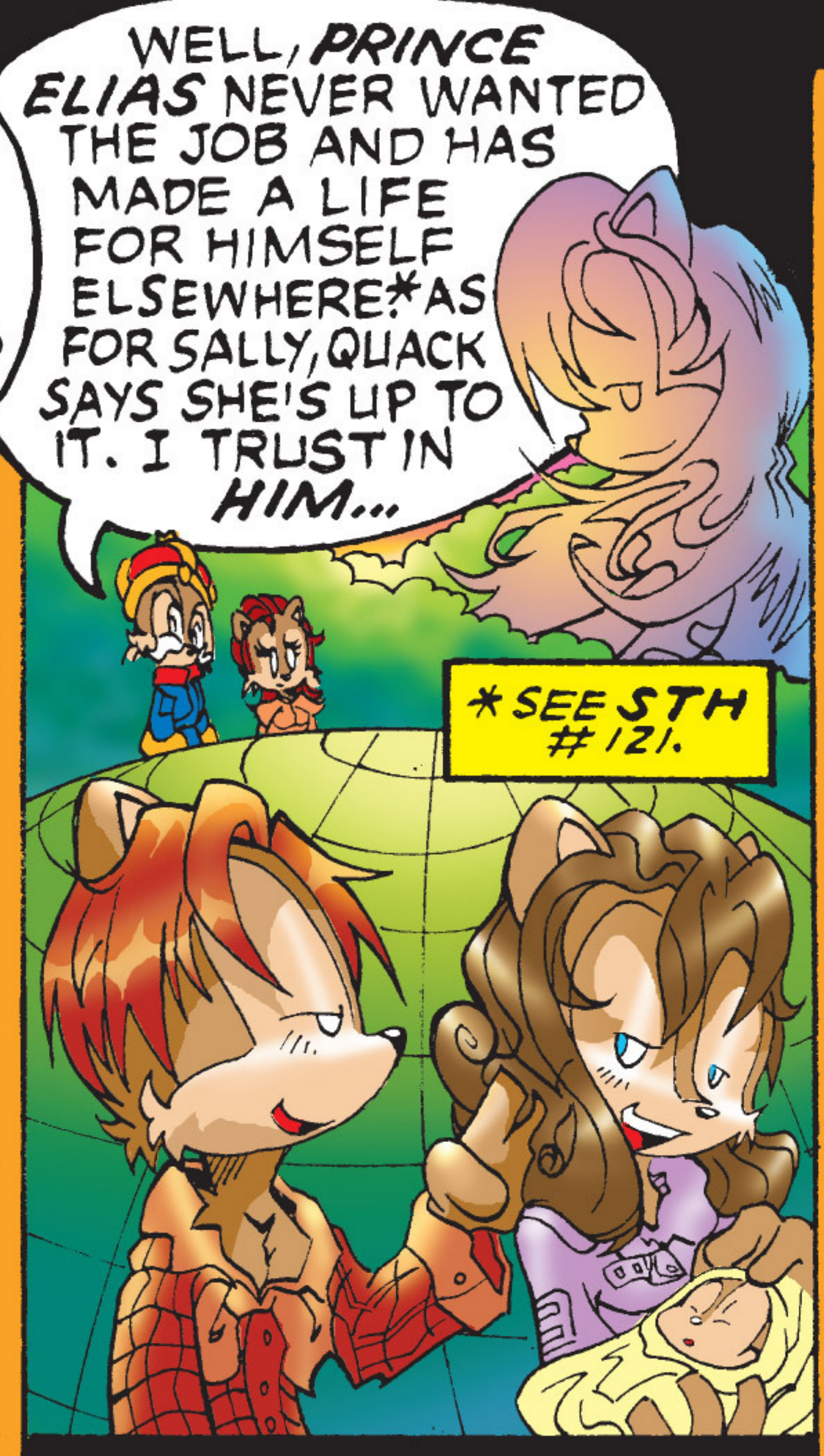


AND HER BOY-FRIEND.



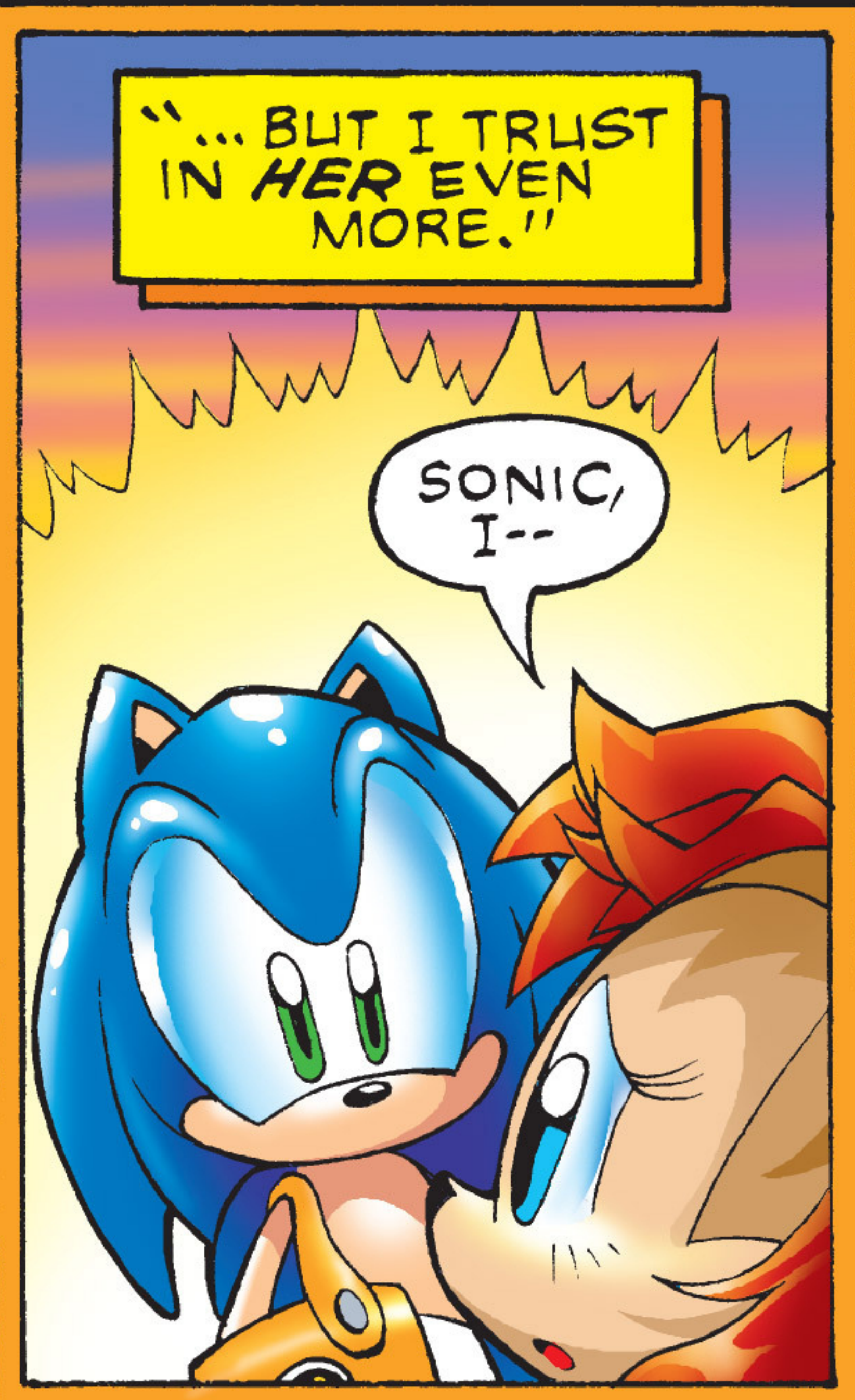
MAX, DO YOU REALLY THINK SALLY IS READY TO ASSUME THIS RESPONSIBILITY? YOU SAW HOW SHE REACTED AFTER SONIC WAS WOUNDED.\*

\*SEE LAST ISSUE.



WELL, PRINCE ELIAS NEVER WANTED THE JOB AND HAS MADE A LIFE FOR HIMSELF ELSEWHERE\*AS FOR SALLY, QUACK SAYS SHE'S UP TO IT. I TRUST IN HIM...

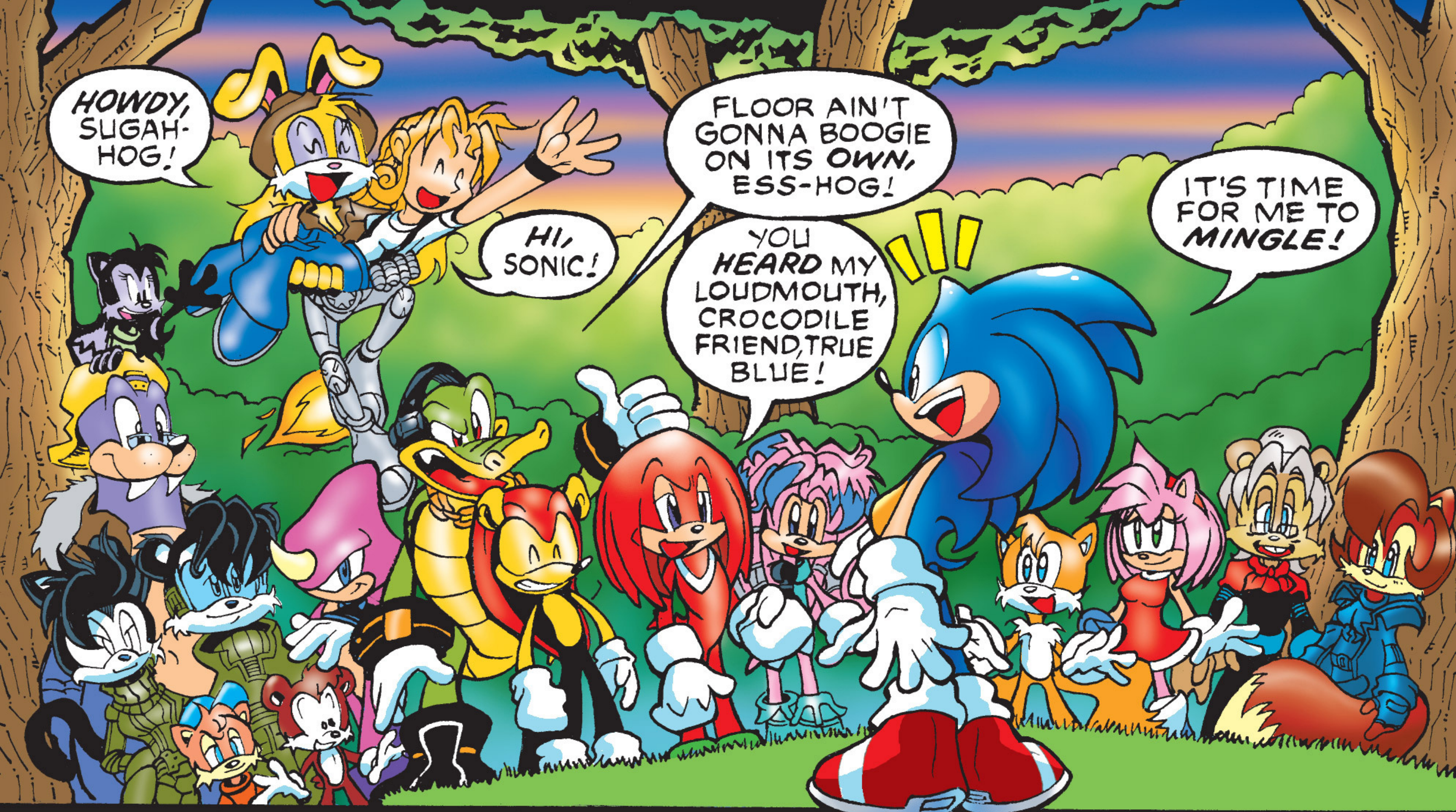
\*SEE STH # 121.



"... BUT I TRUST IN HER EVEN MORE."

SONIC, I--





HOWDY, SUGAR-HOG!

FLOOR AIN'T GONNA BOOGIE ON ITS OWN, ESS-HOG!

IT'S TIME FOR ME TO MINGLE!

HI, SONIC!

YOU HEARD MY LOUDMOUTH, CROCODILE FRIEND, TRUE BLUE!



DUTY CALLS, SAL.

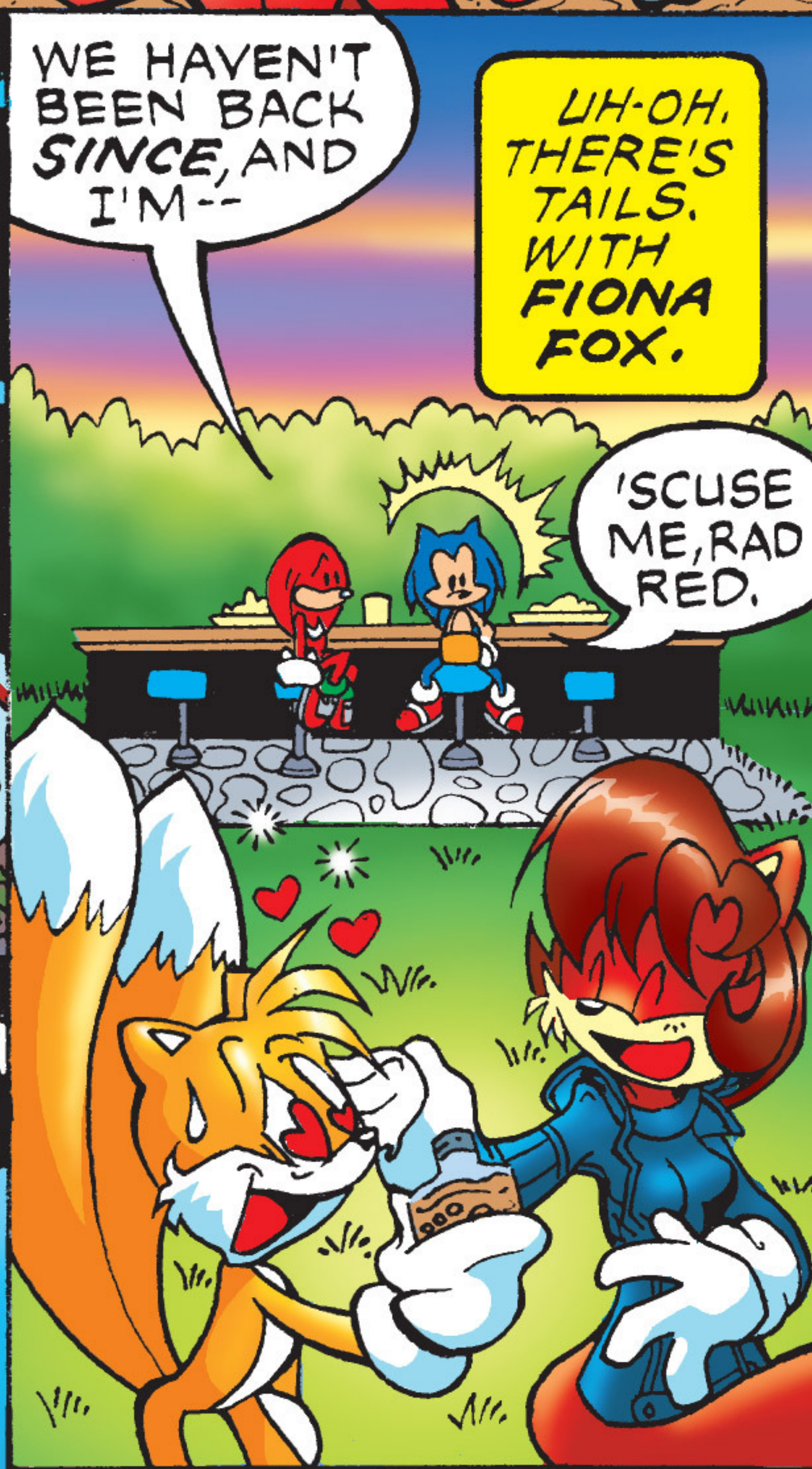
OKAY, SONIC, BUT SAVE THE LAST DANCE FOR ME, OKAY?



SAY, KNUX... WHAT ARE YOU N' THE CHAOTIX DOING IN KNOTHOLE?



EGGMAN CAPTURED ANGEL ISLAND--OUR HOME--WHILE WE WERE AWAY. WITH YOU GONE, MAX ASKED US TO STICK AROUND AND HELP OUT.



WE HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE, AND I'M--

UH-OH, THERE'S TAILS, WITH FIONA FOX.

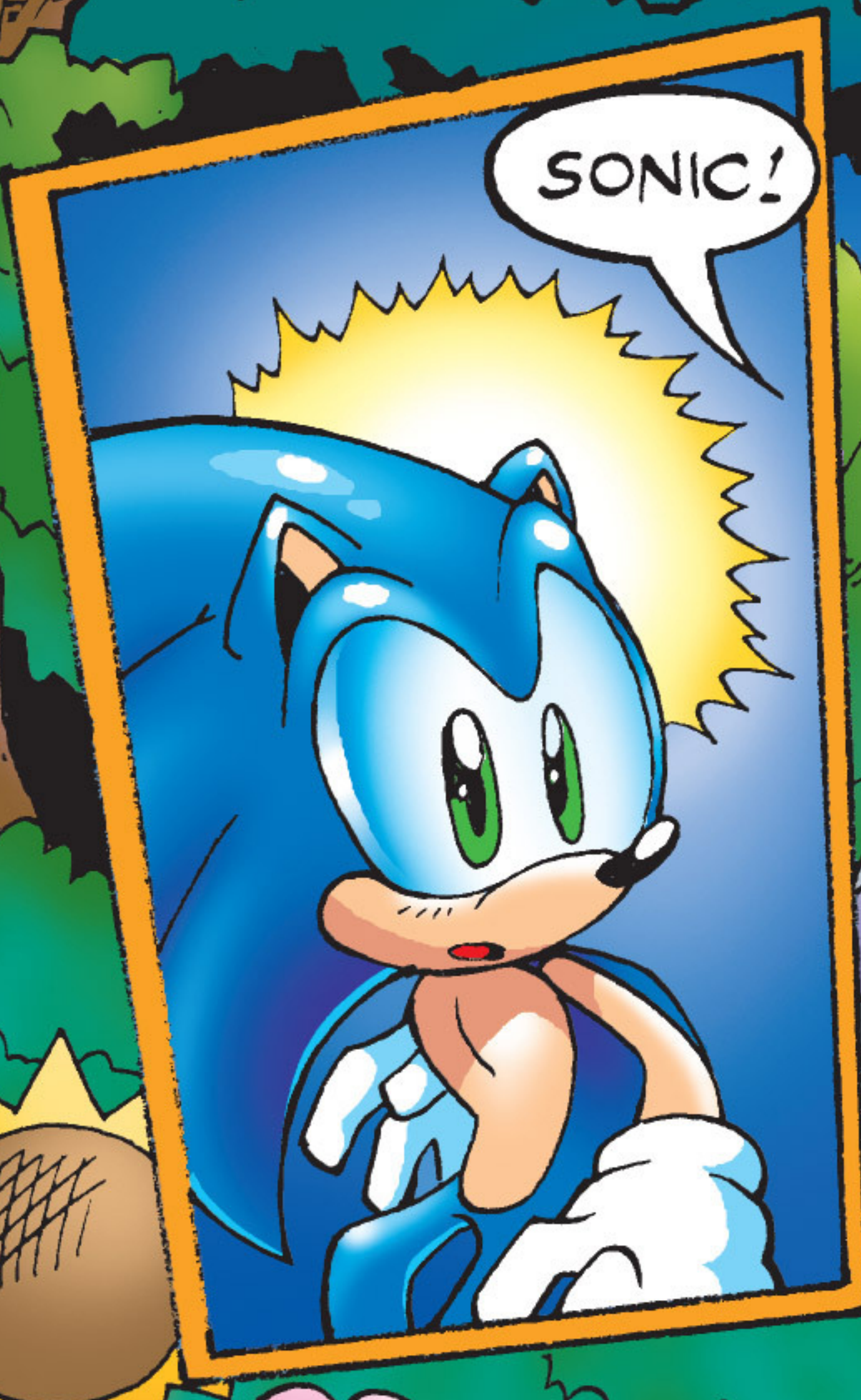
'SCUSE ME, RAD RED.



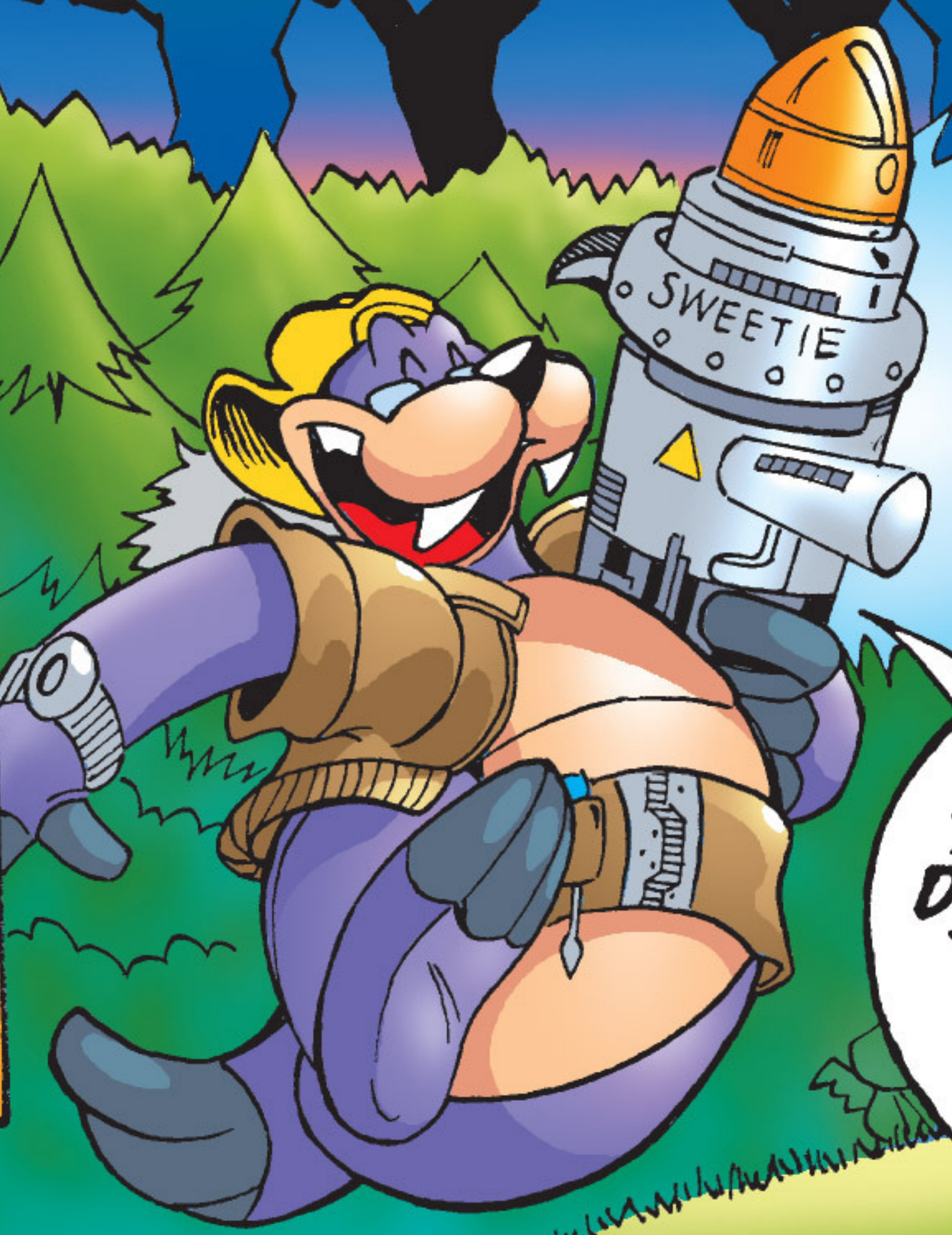
POOR, LITTLE DUDE GOT HIS LITTLE HEART BROKEN ONCE BY A ROBOT DOUBLE OF HERS, AND IF HE'S NOT CAREFUL WITH THE REAL DEAL...

...IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN!





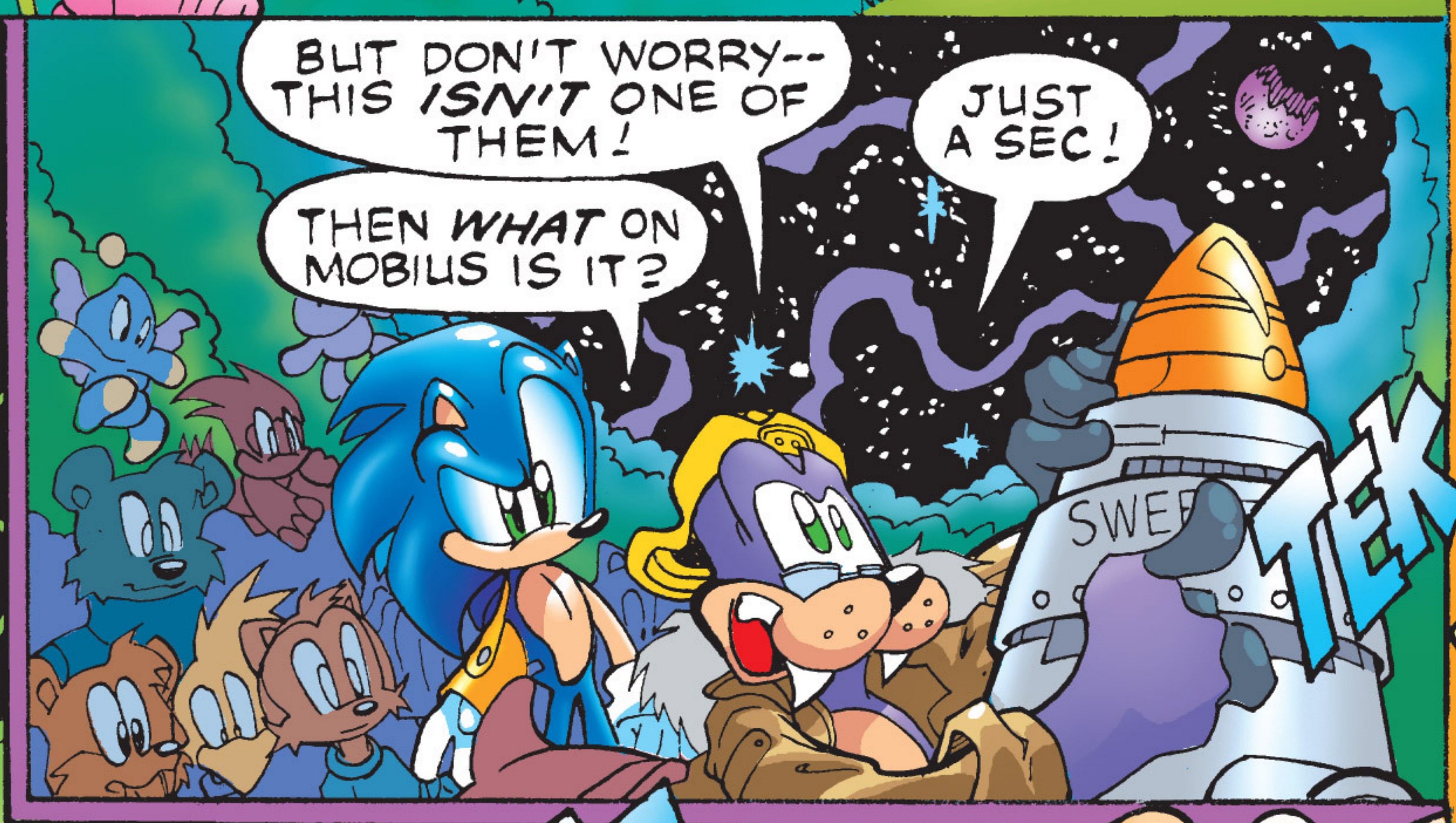
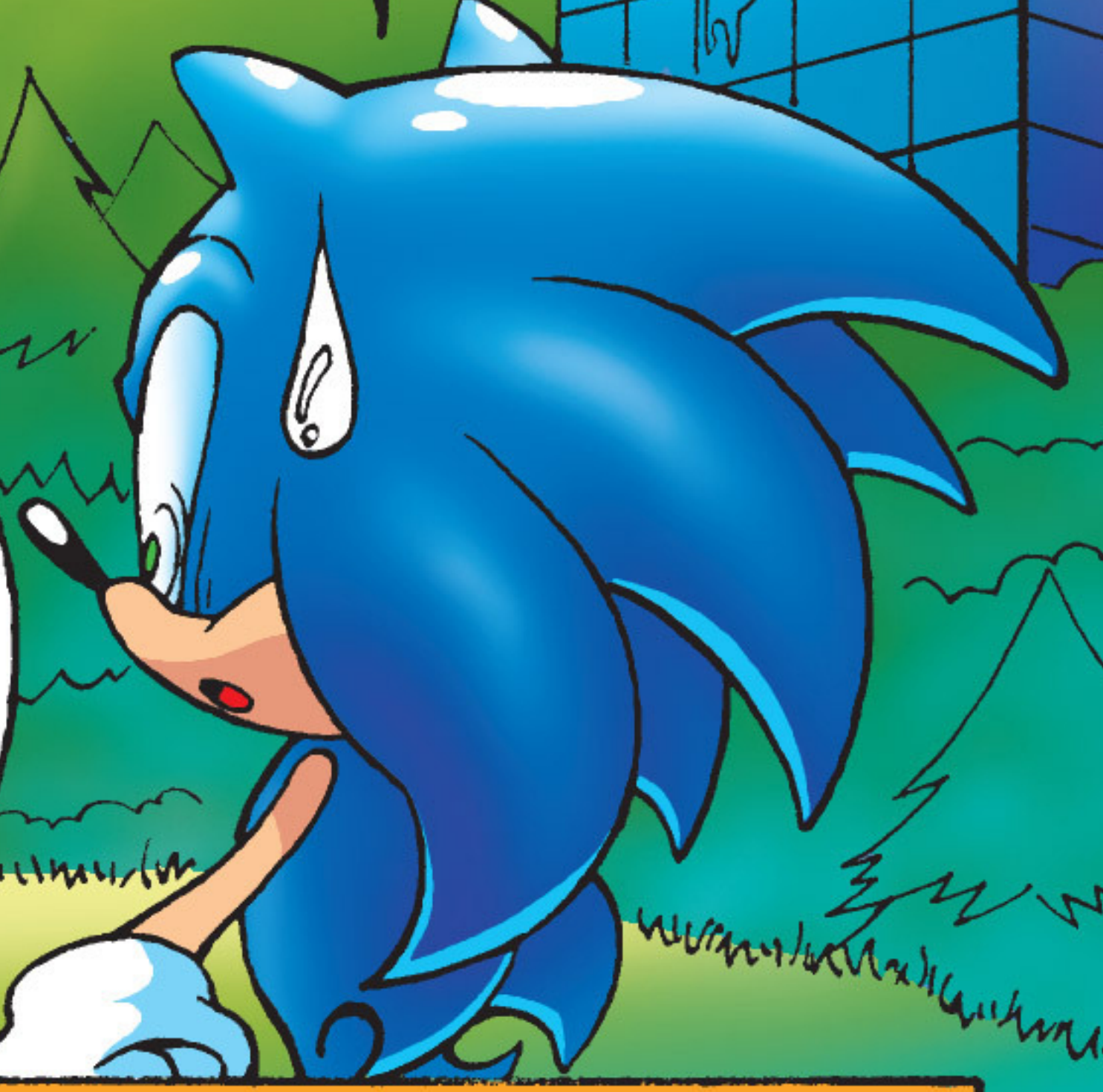
SONIC!



HEY, ROTOR...

... UHH... GUESS YOU'VE BEEN KEEPING BUSY SINCE RETIRING FROM AWAY MISSIONS, HUH?

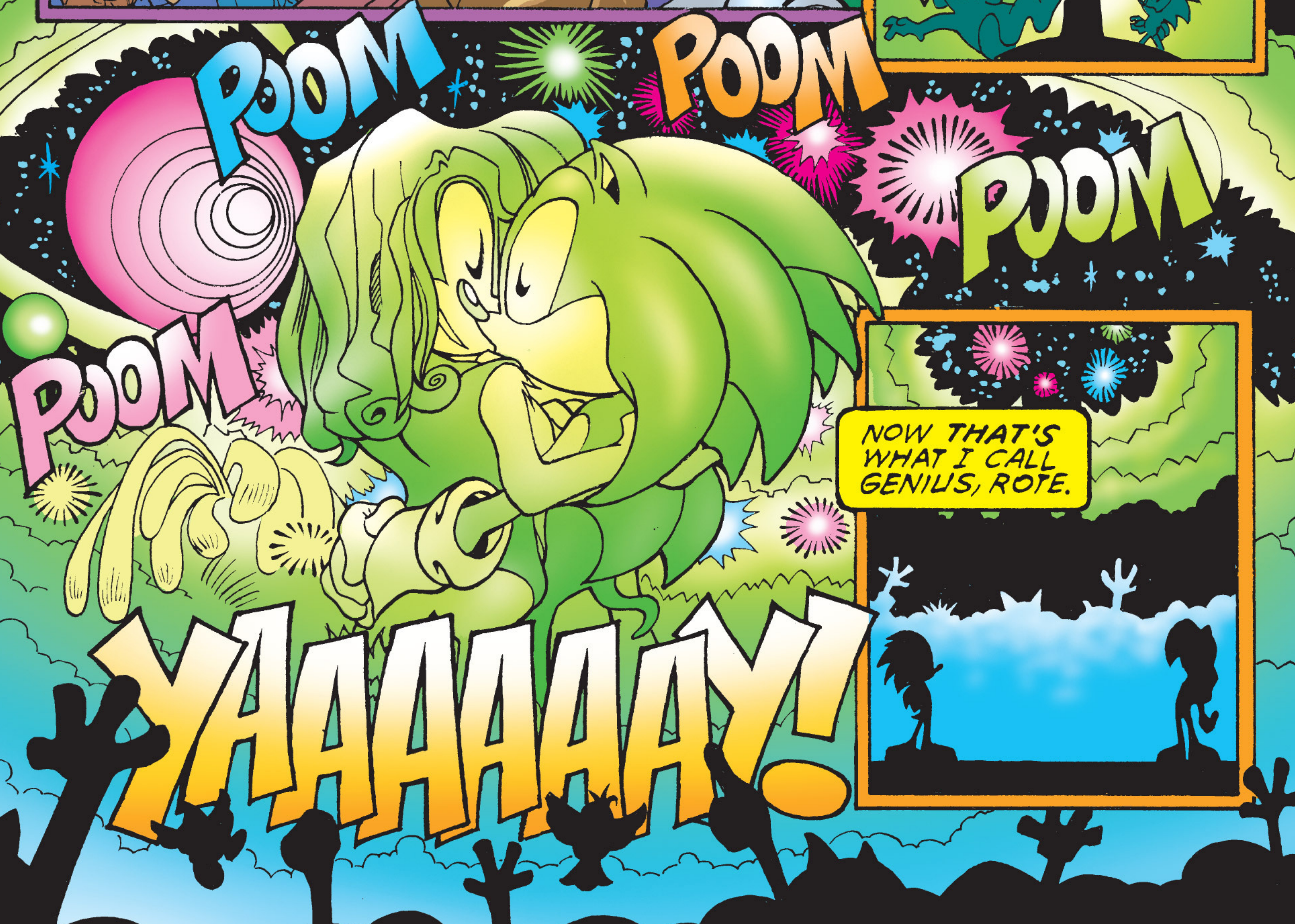
YOU BET! NOW I JUST INVENT DOODADS FOR YOU FIELD AGENTS TO TAKE ALONG!



BUT DON'T WORRY-- THIS ISN'T ONE OF THEM!

JUST A SEC!

THEN WHAT ON MOBILUS IS IT?



POOM

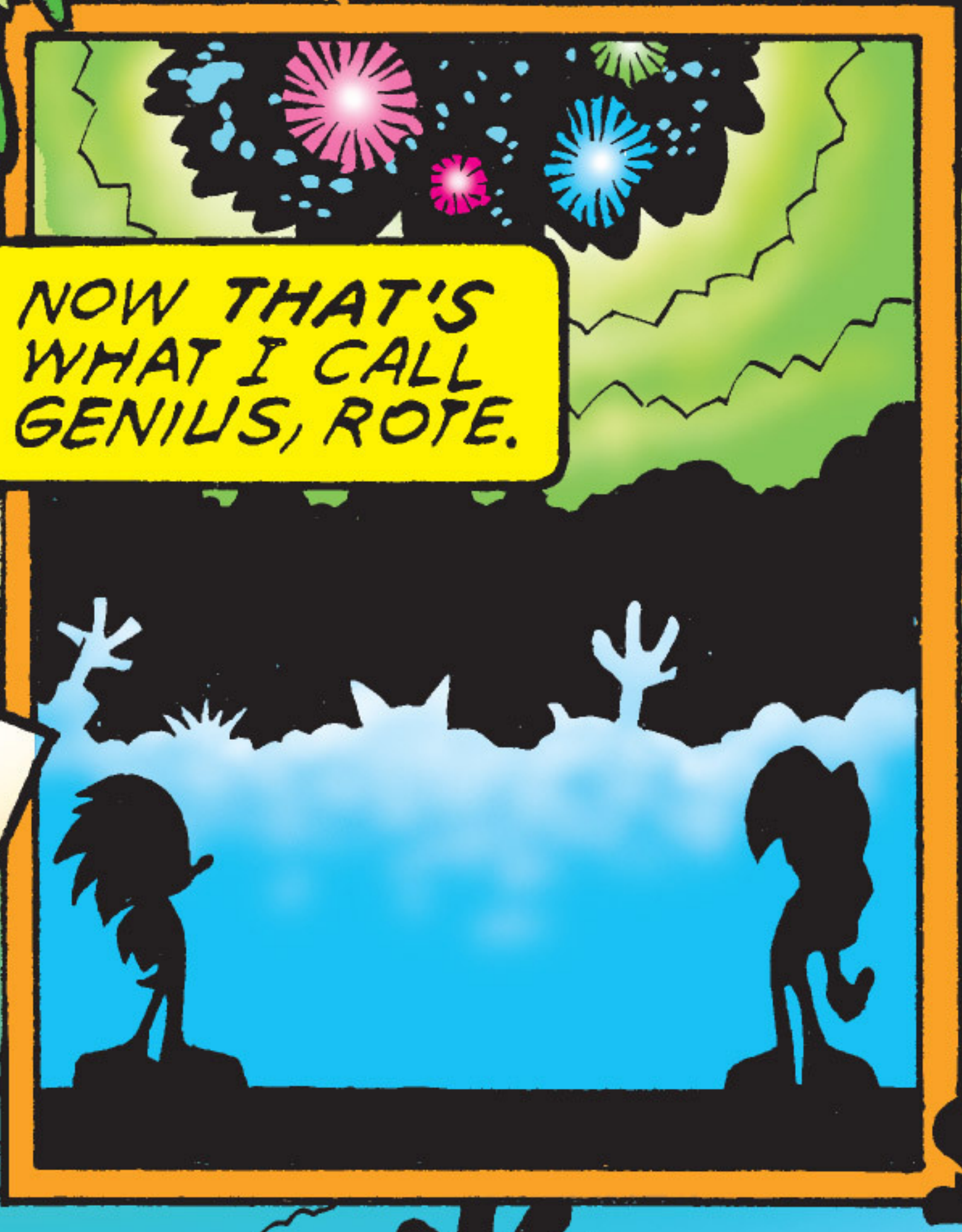
POOM

POOM

POOM

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL GENIUS, ROTE.

YAAAAAAAY!



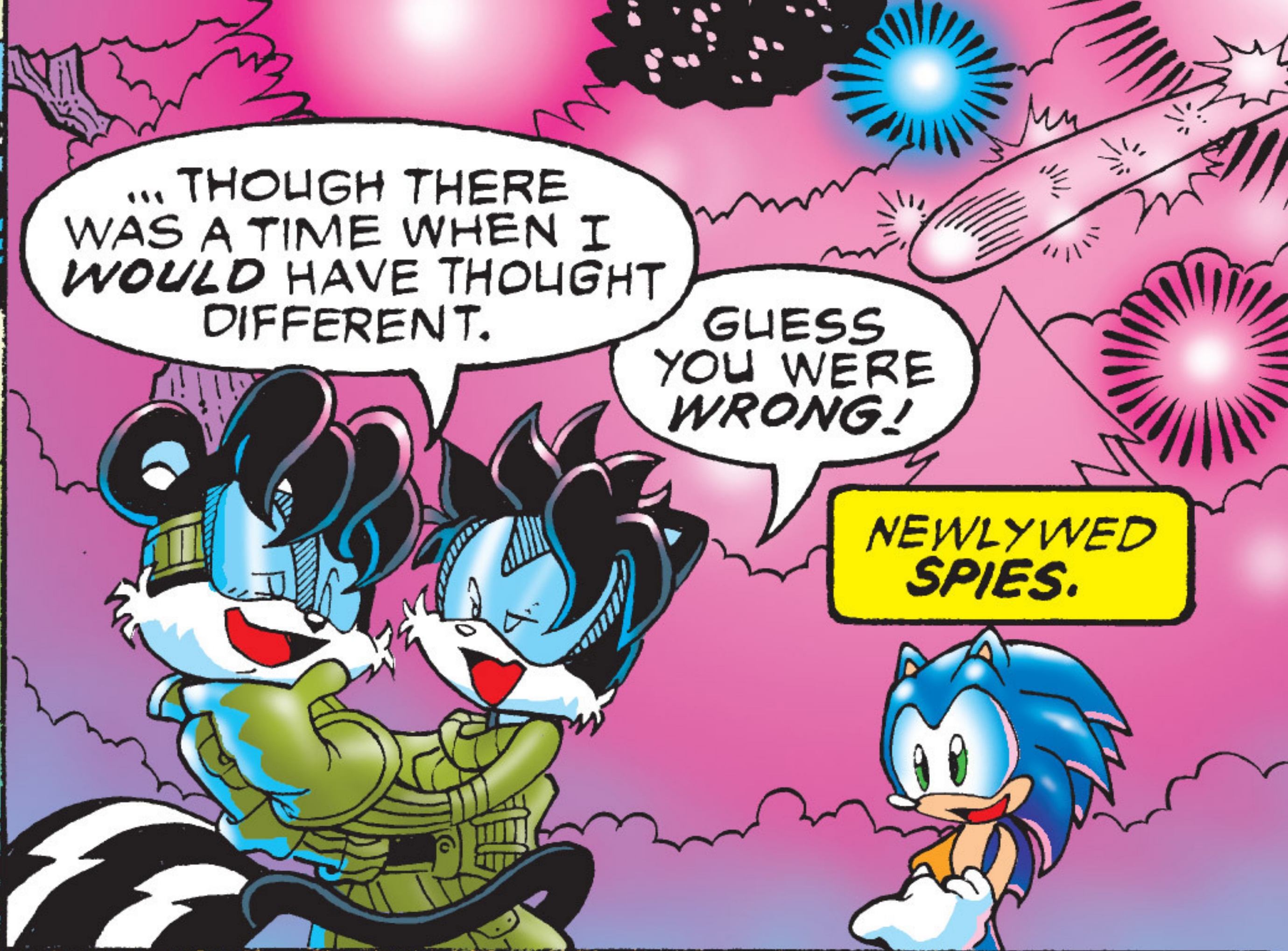




SUCH BEAUTIFUL FIREWORKS, GEOFF!

CAN'T HELP BUT AGREE, M'LLUV...

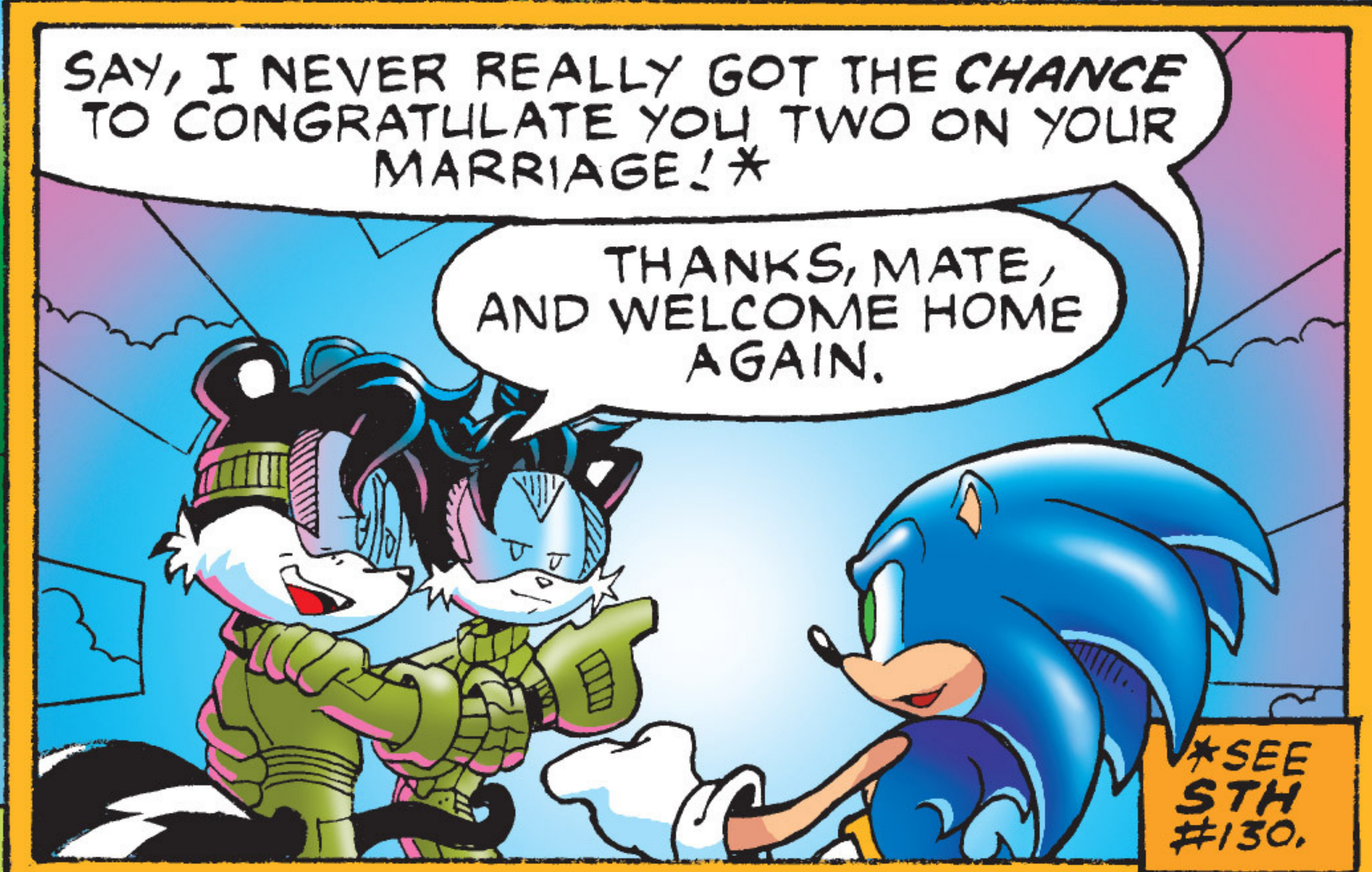
HUH? GEOFFREY AND HERSHEY ST. JOHN.



...THOUGH THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WOULD HAVE THOUGHT DIFFERENT.

GUESS YOU WERE WRONG!

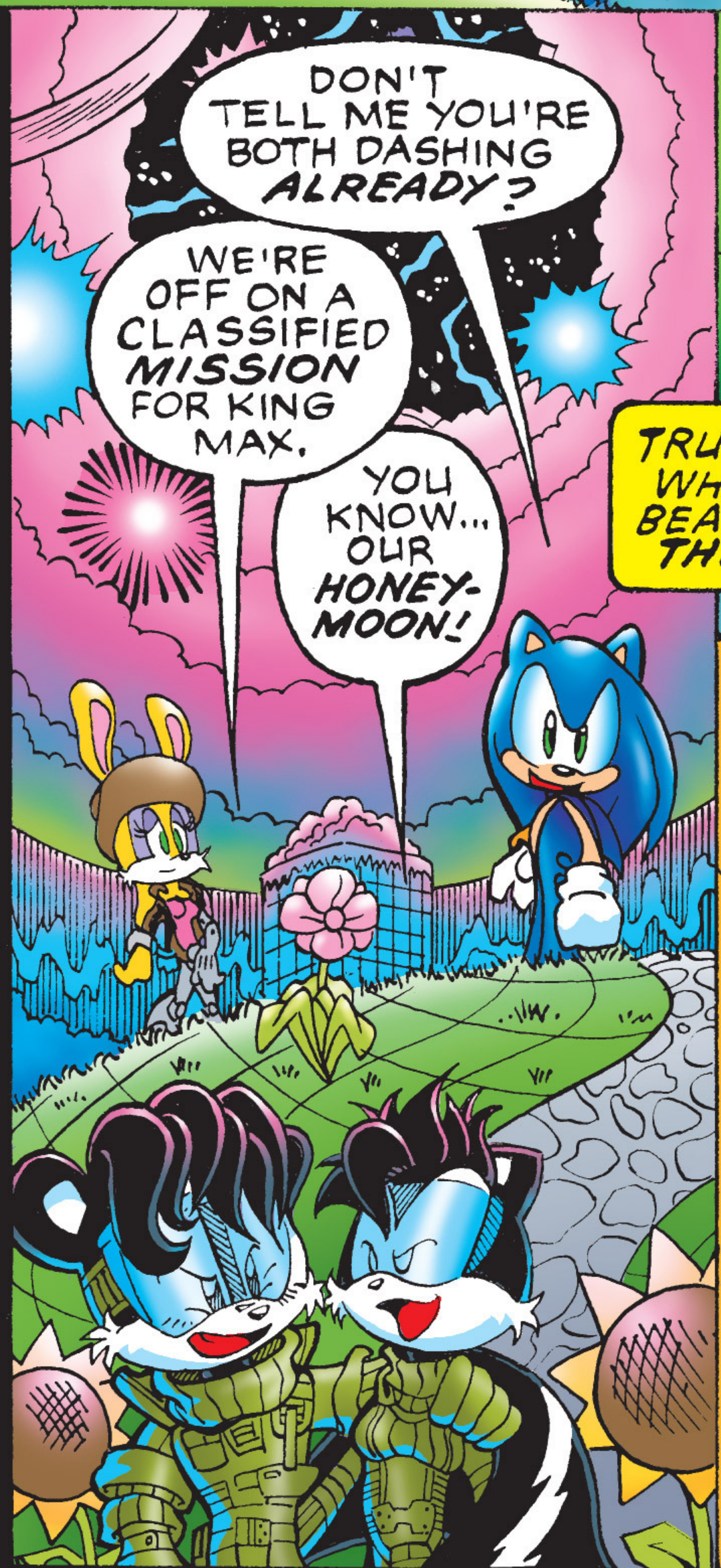
NEWLYWED SPIES.



SAY, I NEVER REALLY GOT THE CHANCE TO CONGRATULATE YOU TWO ON YOUR MARRIAGE! \*

THANKS, MATE, AND WELCOME HOME AGAIN.

\*SEE STH #130.

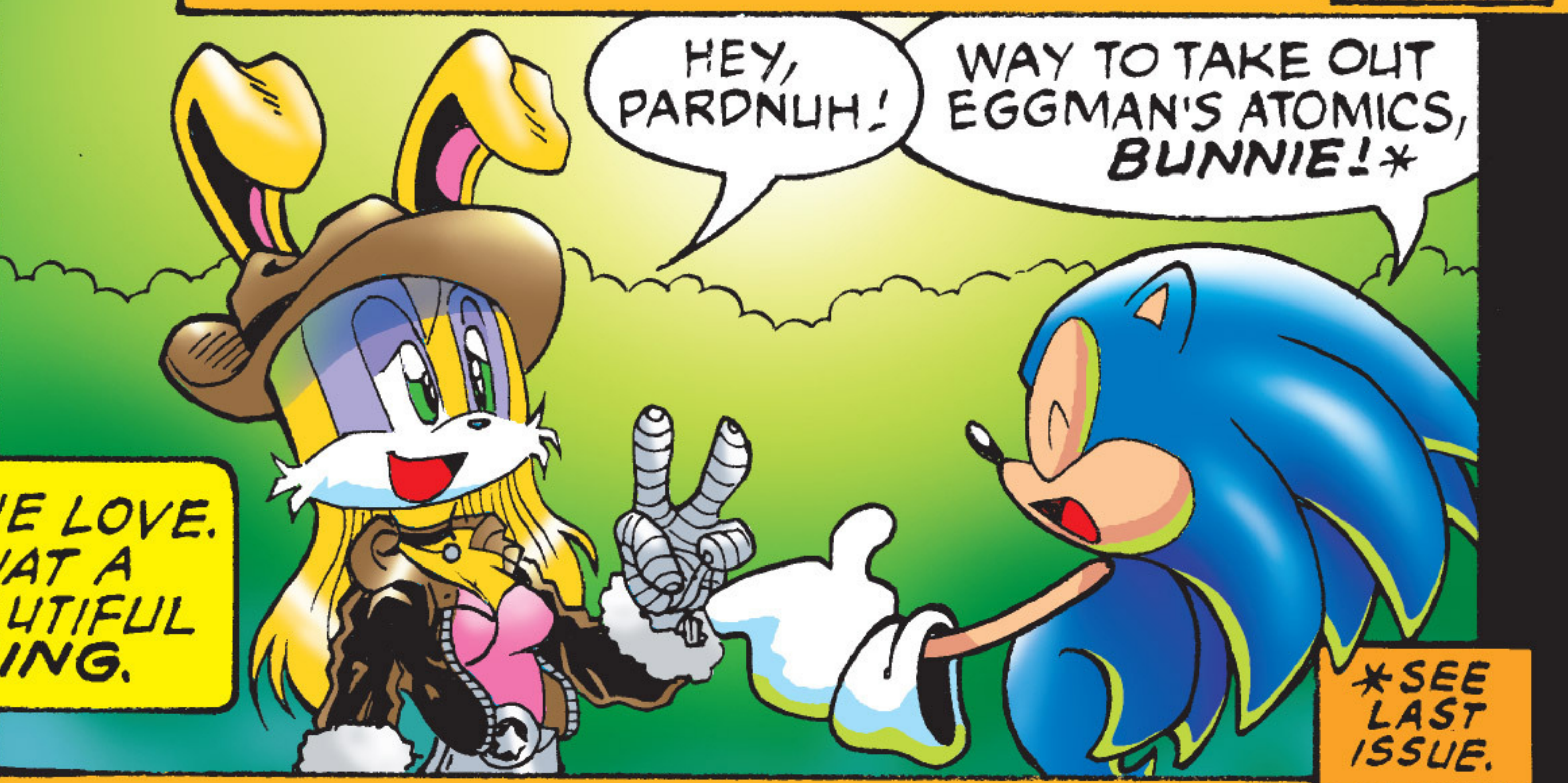


DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE BOTH DASHING ALREADY?

WE'RE OFF ON A CLASSIFIED MISSION FOR KING MAX.

YOU KNOW... OUR HONEY-MOON!

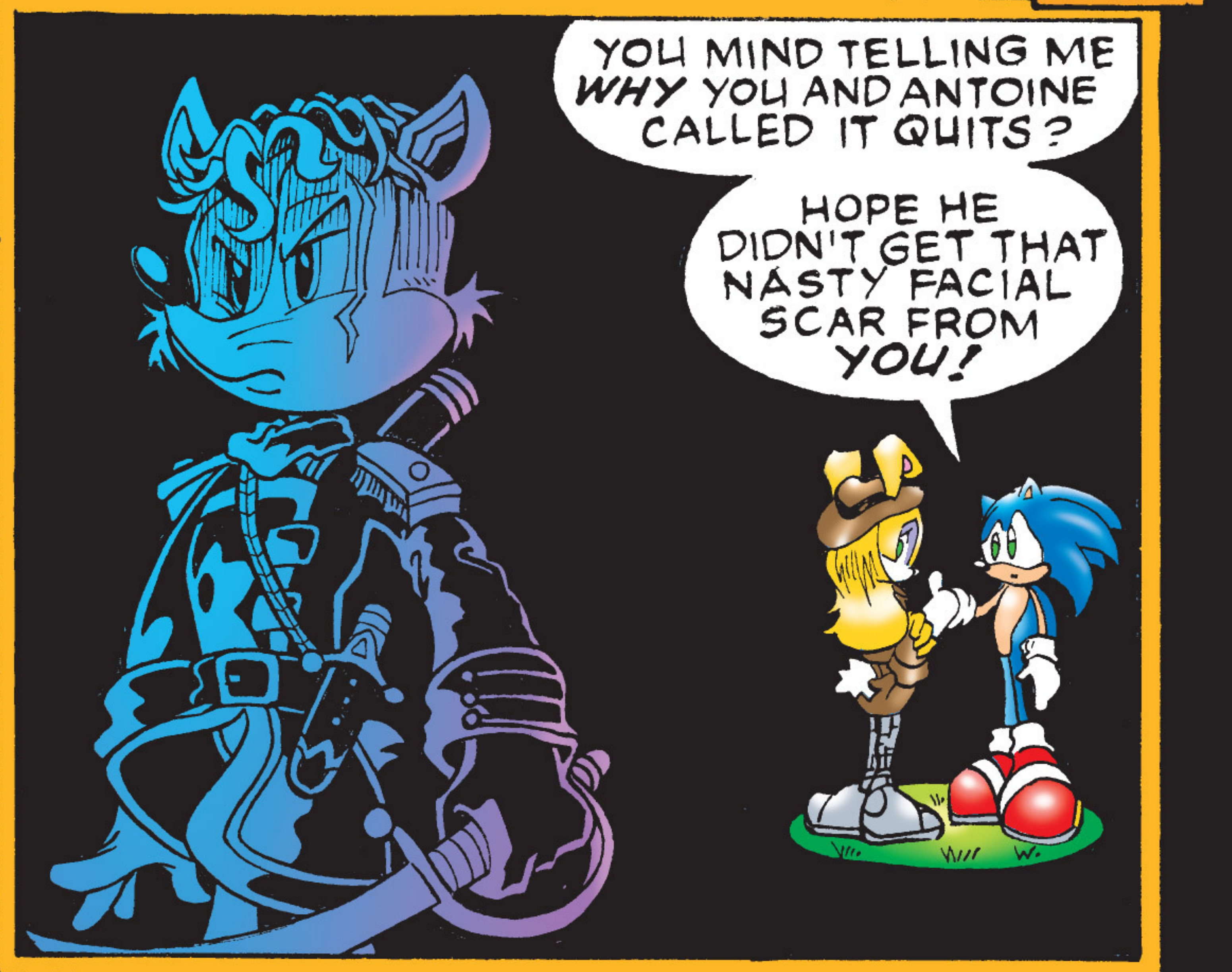
TRUE LOVE. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL THING.



HEY, PARDNUH!

WAY TO TAKE OUT EGGMAN'S ATOMICS, BUNNIE! \*

\*SEE LAST ISSUE.

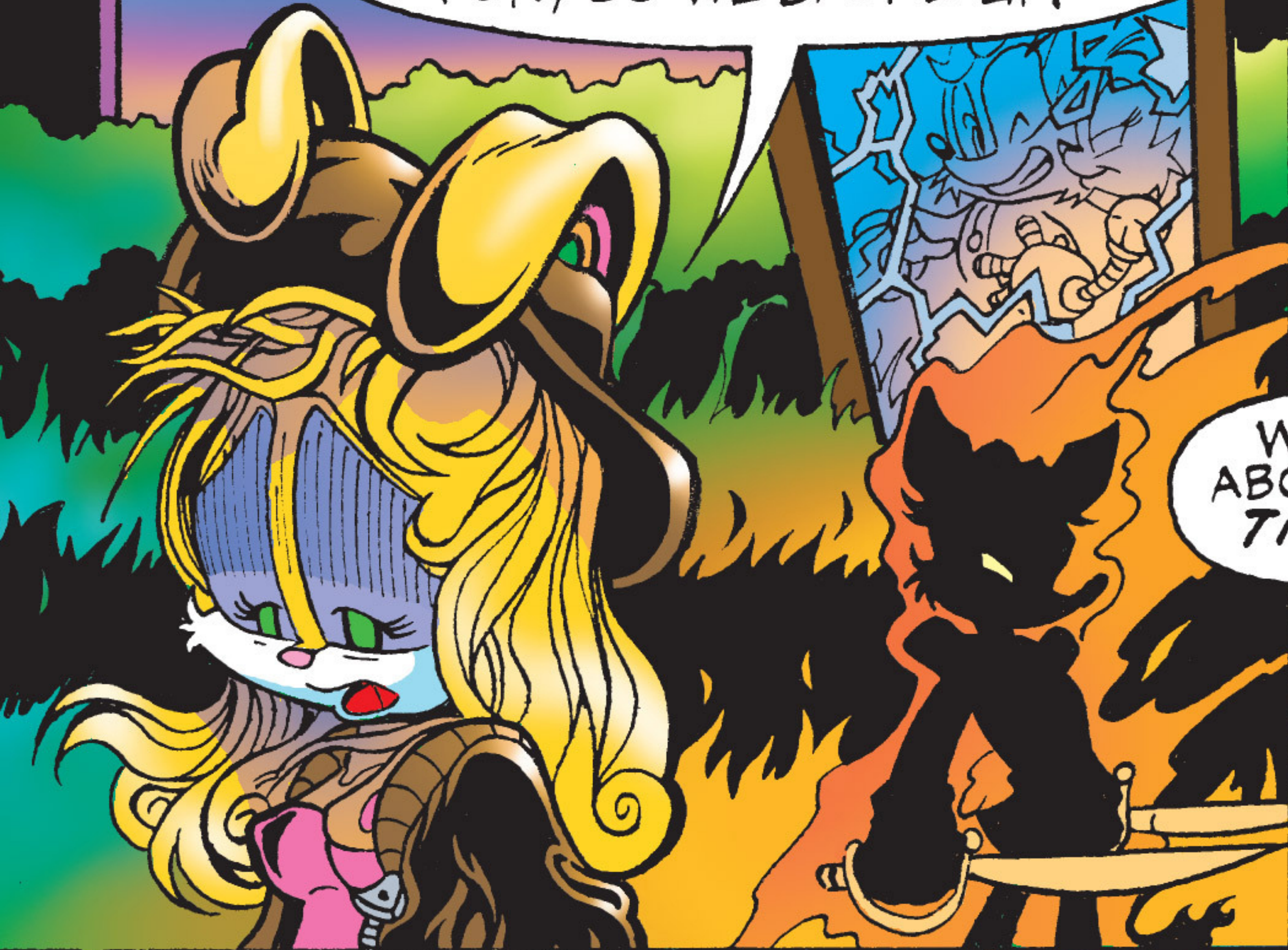


YOU MIND TELLING ME WHY YOU AND ANTOINE CALLED IT QUITS?

HOPE HE DIDN'T GET THAT NASTY FACIAL SCAR FROM YOU!

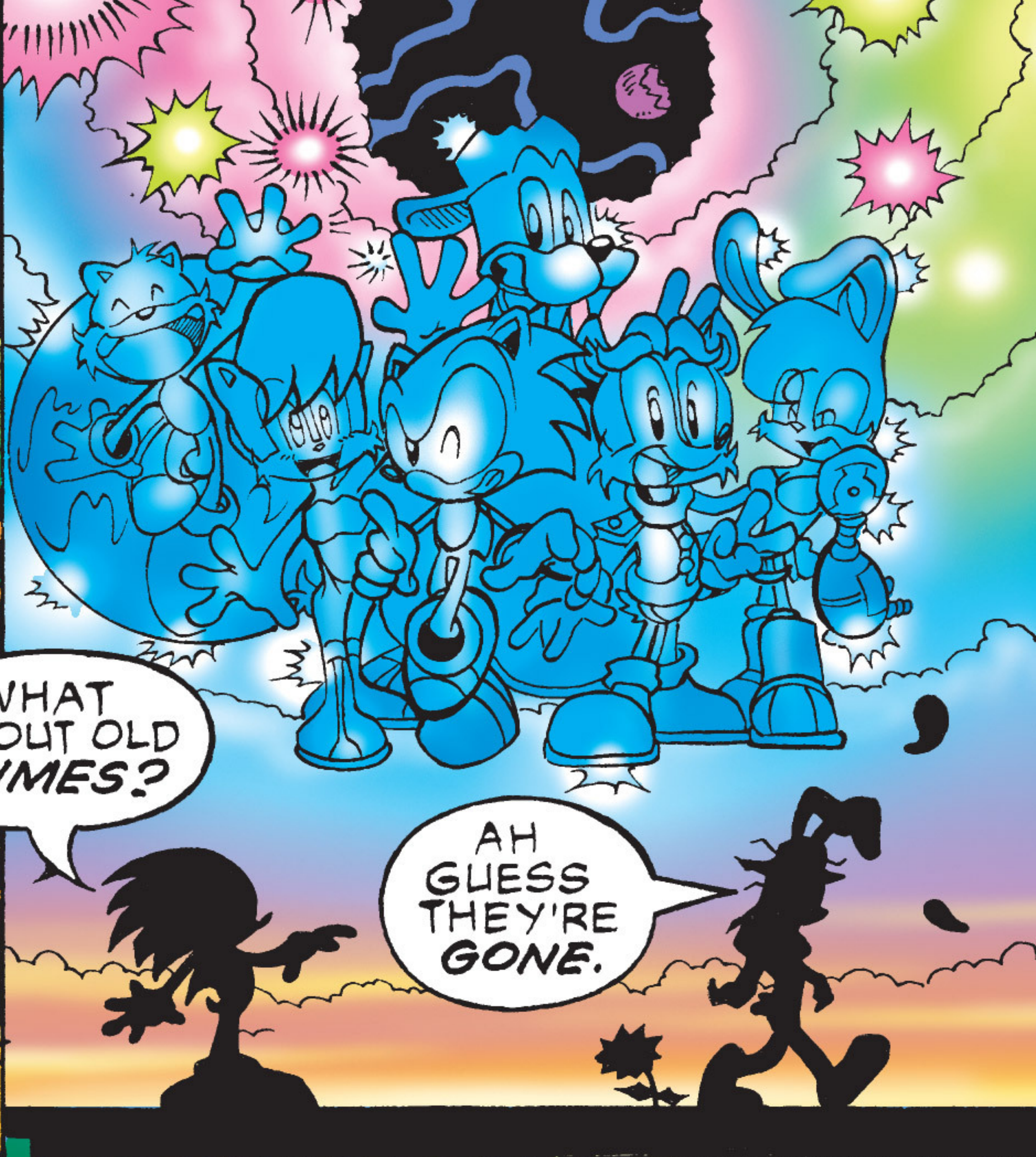


ONLY QUACK KNOWS *WHERE* HE GOT IT. THE WAR CHANGED HIM-- MADE 'IM INTO A DIFFERENT 'TOINE FROM THE ONE I FELL FOR, SO WE BROKE UP.

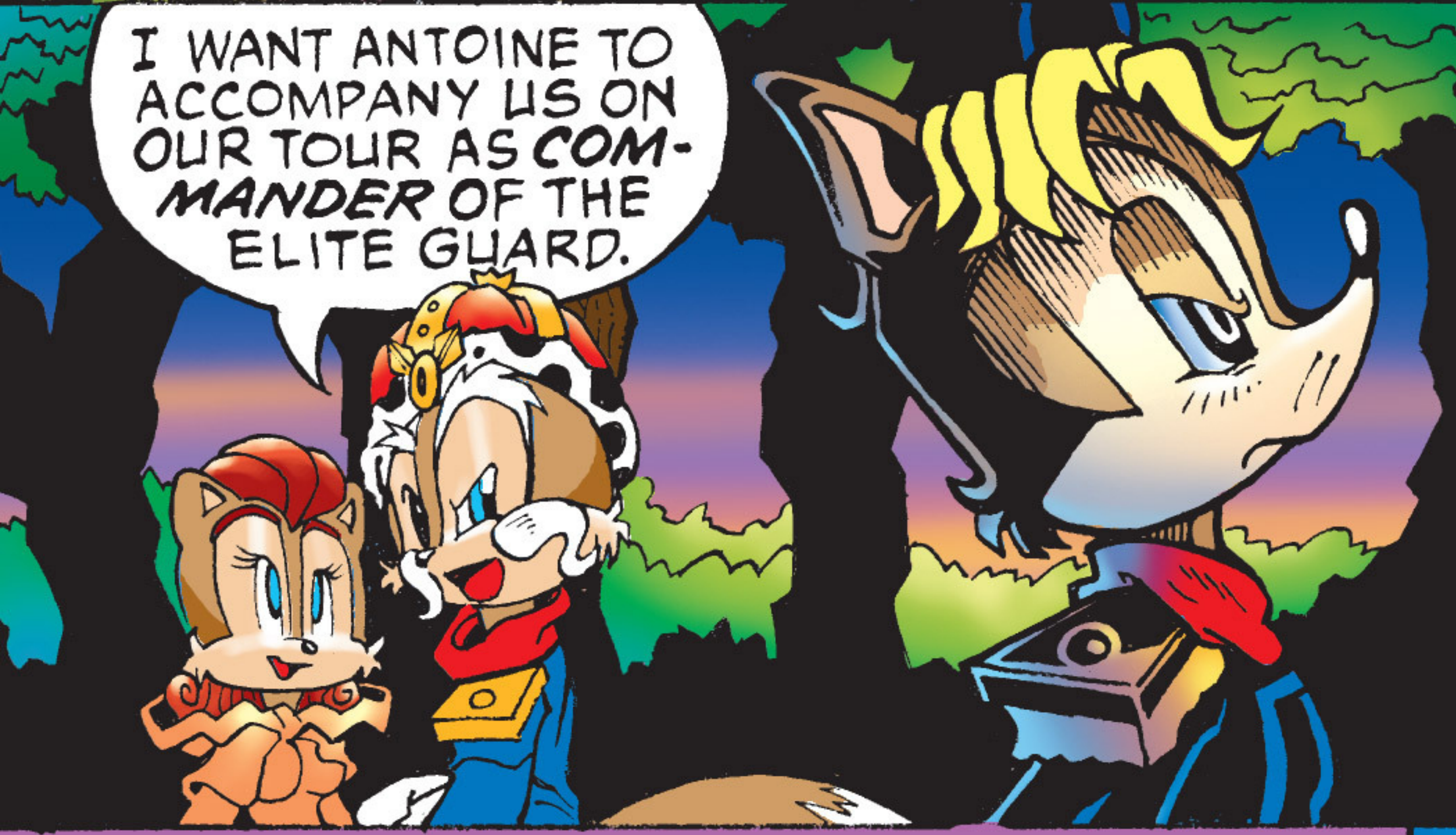


WHAT ABOUT OLD *TIMES*?

AH GUESS THEY'RE *GONE*.



I WANT ANTOINE TO ACCOMPANY US ON OUR TOUR AS *COMMANDER* OF THE ELITE GUARD.



SONIC...? DO YOU HAVE A *MOMENT* TO TALK?

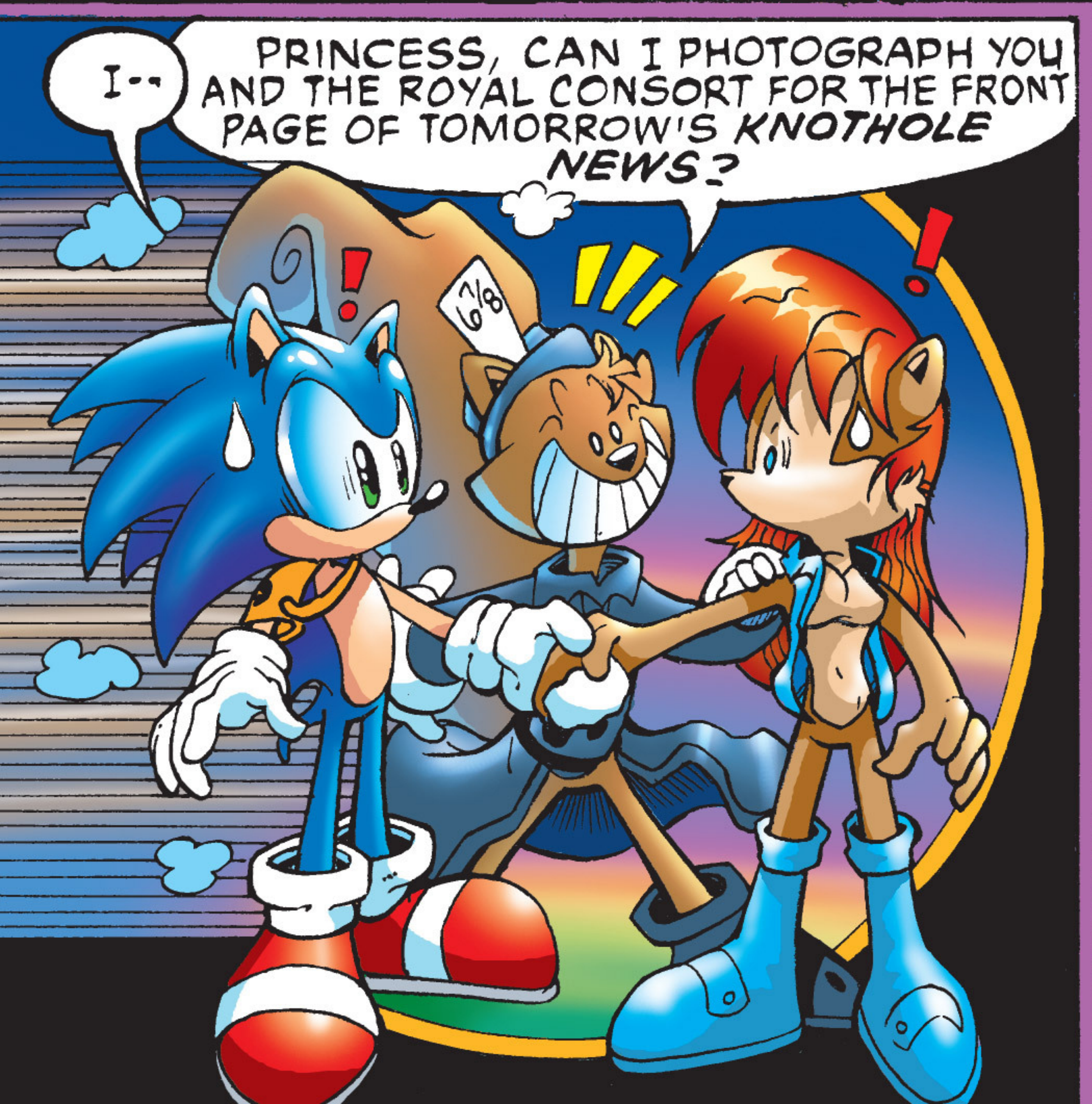
SURE, SAL.



" HIS NEW ATTITUDE MAKES HIM AN *EXCELLENT* CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB."



I-- PRINCESS, CAN I PHOTOGRAPH YOU AND THE ROYAL CONSORT FOR THE FRONT PAGE OF TOMORROW'S *KNOTHOLE NEWS*?



PERFECT!



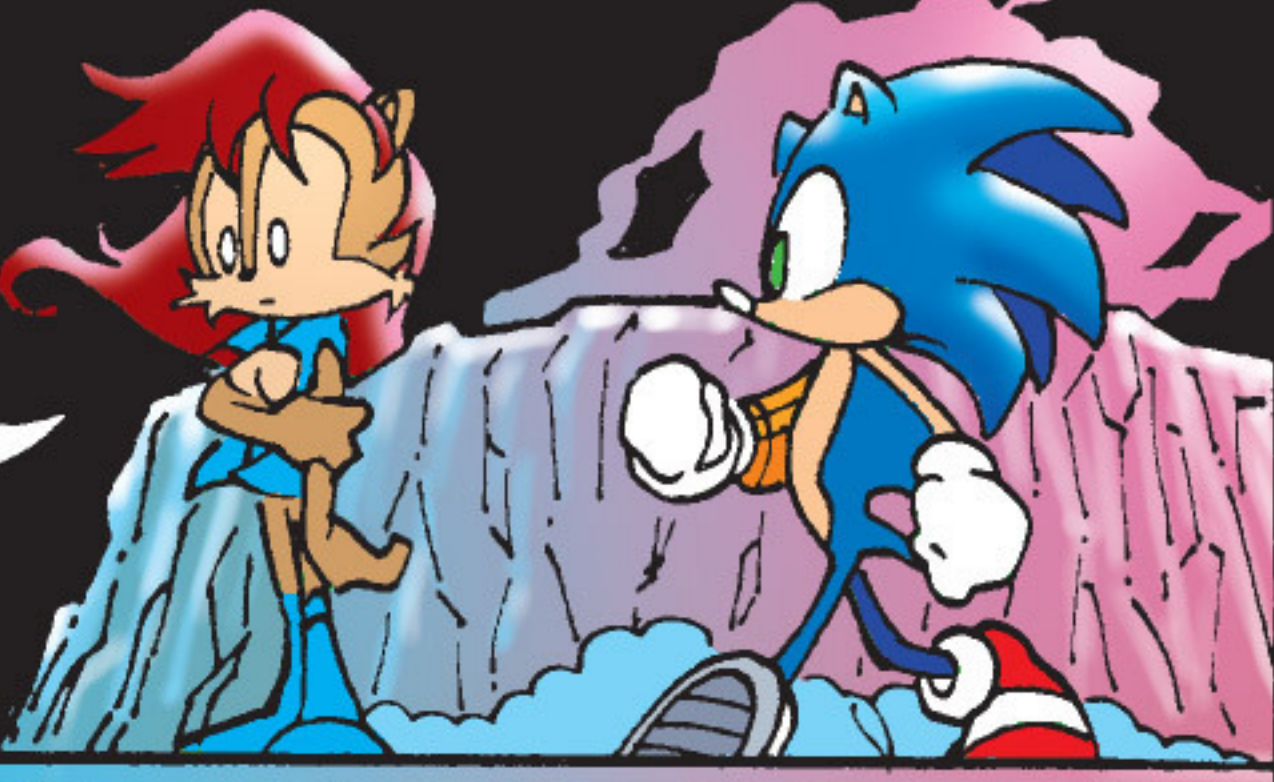




WONDER WHAT'S ON HER MIND?

EVEN THOUGH MY PARENTS ARE STILL THE OFFICIAL **MONARCHS** OF THE KINGDOM, I'LL BE OVERSEEING THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE CITY.

THEY'VE GIVEN ME A TREMENDOUS **RESPONSIBILITY** AND ITS GOING TO BE A BIG MANTLE TO BEAR.



THAT'S WHY I WANT **YOU** TO RULE BY MY SIDE WHILE THEY'RE AWAY.

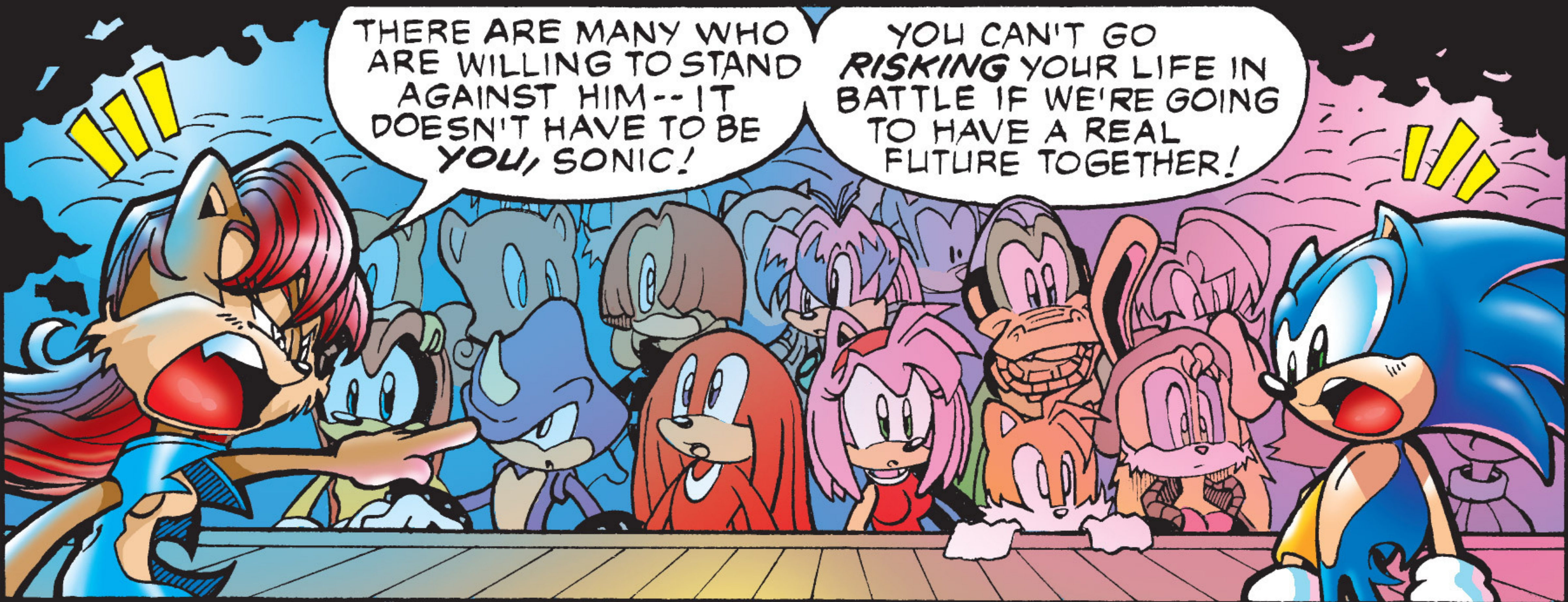


ME?!



WELL, YOU **ARE** MY CONSORT, AFTER ALL...

I KNOW, SAL, BUT WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF A WAR. IF I DON'T HELP FIGHT EGGMAN, **WHO** WILL?



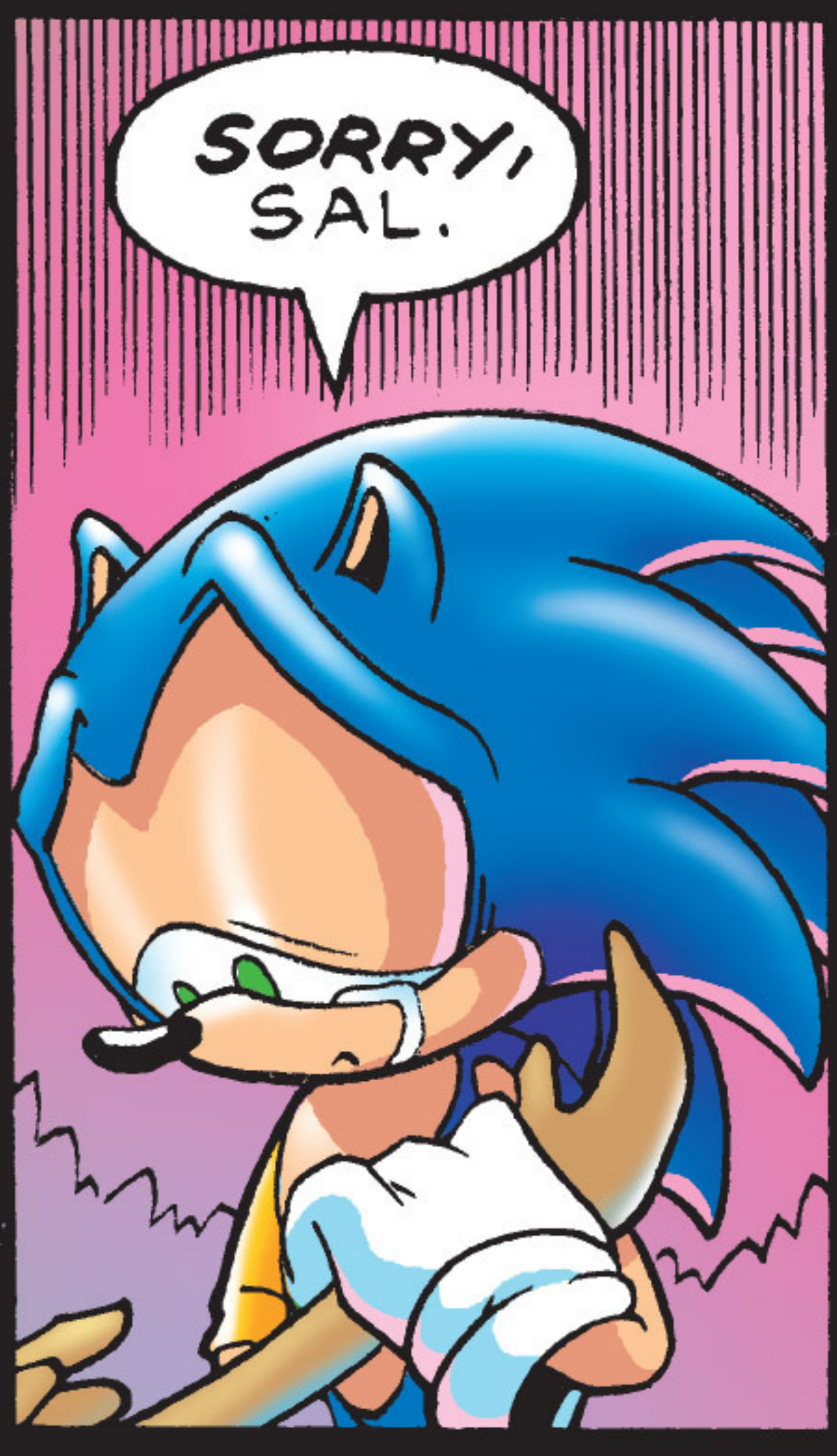
THERE ARE MANY WHO ARE WILLING TO STAND AGAINST HIM-- IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE **YOU**, SONIC!

YOU CAN'T GO **RISKING** YOUR LIFE IN BATTLE IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A REAL FUTURE TOGETHER!

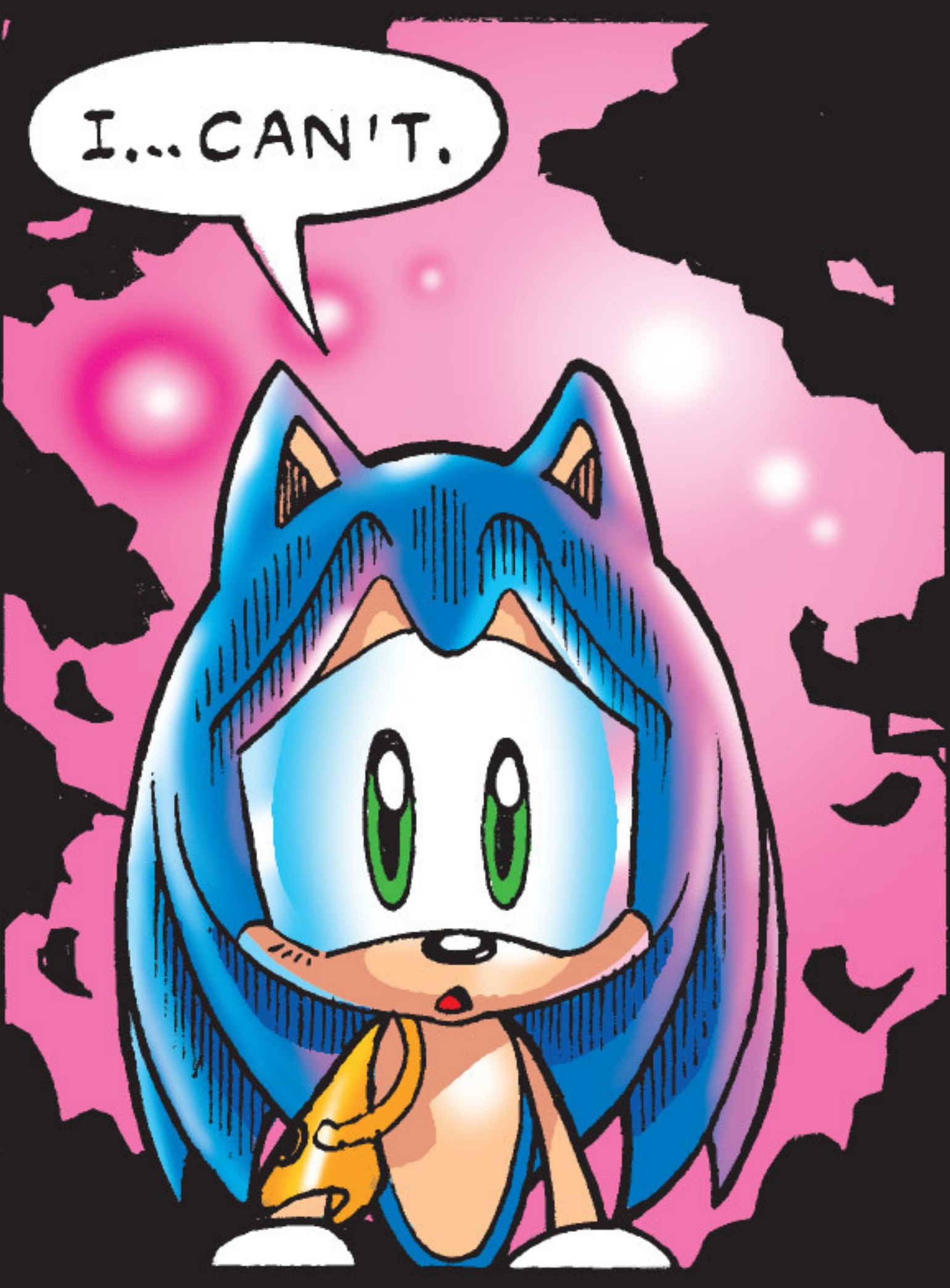


I DON'T WANT YOU TO DO IT ANYMORE. STAY WITH ME. **PLEASE**, MY LOVE...

SAY YOU WILL...

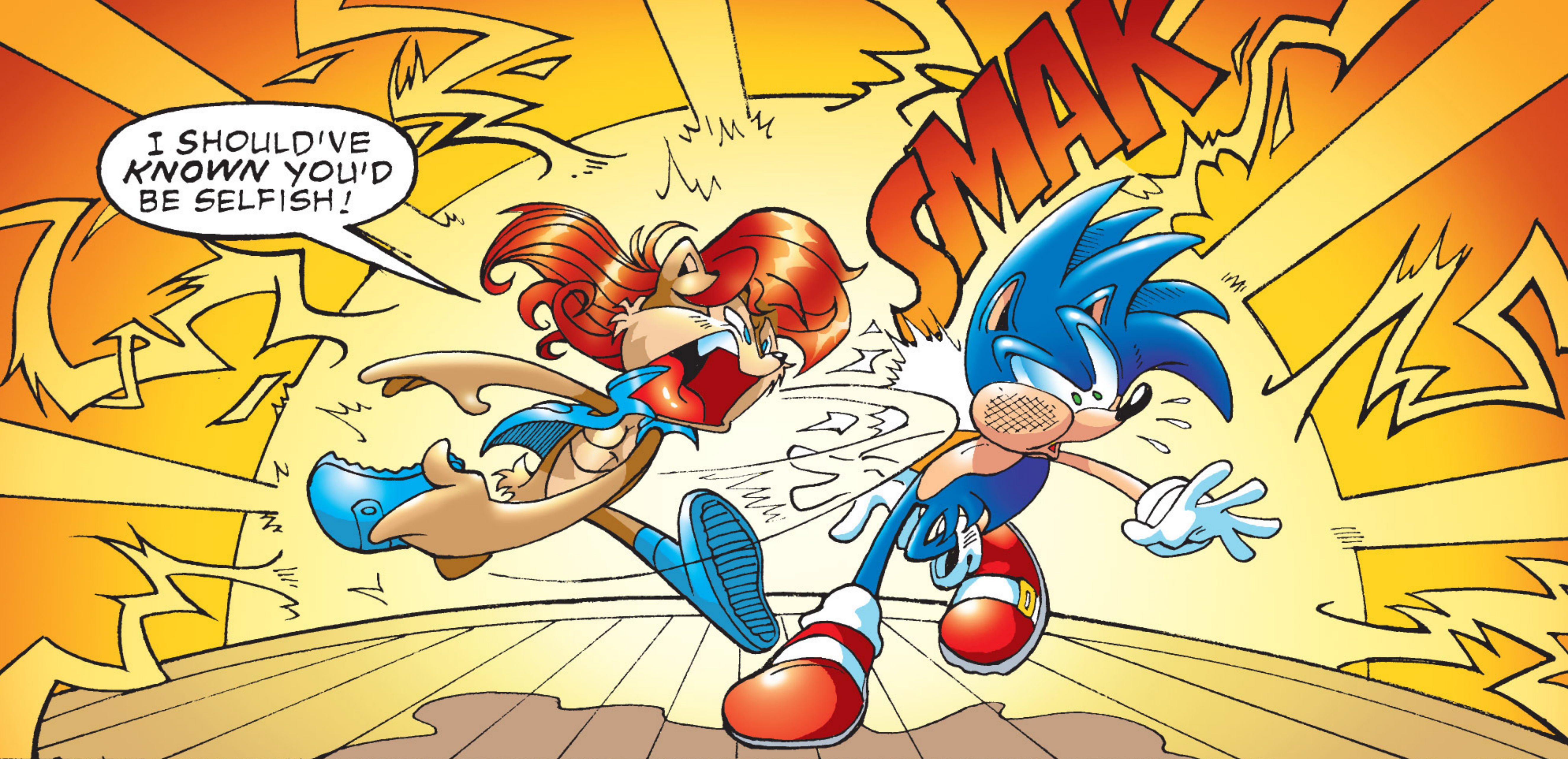


**SORRY**, SAL.



I... CAN'T.



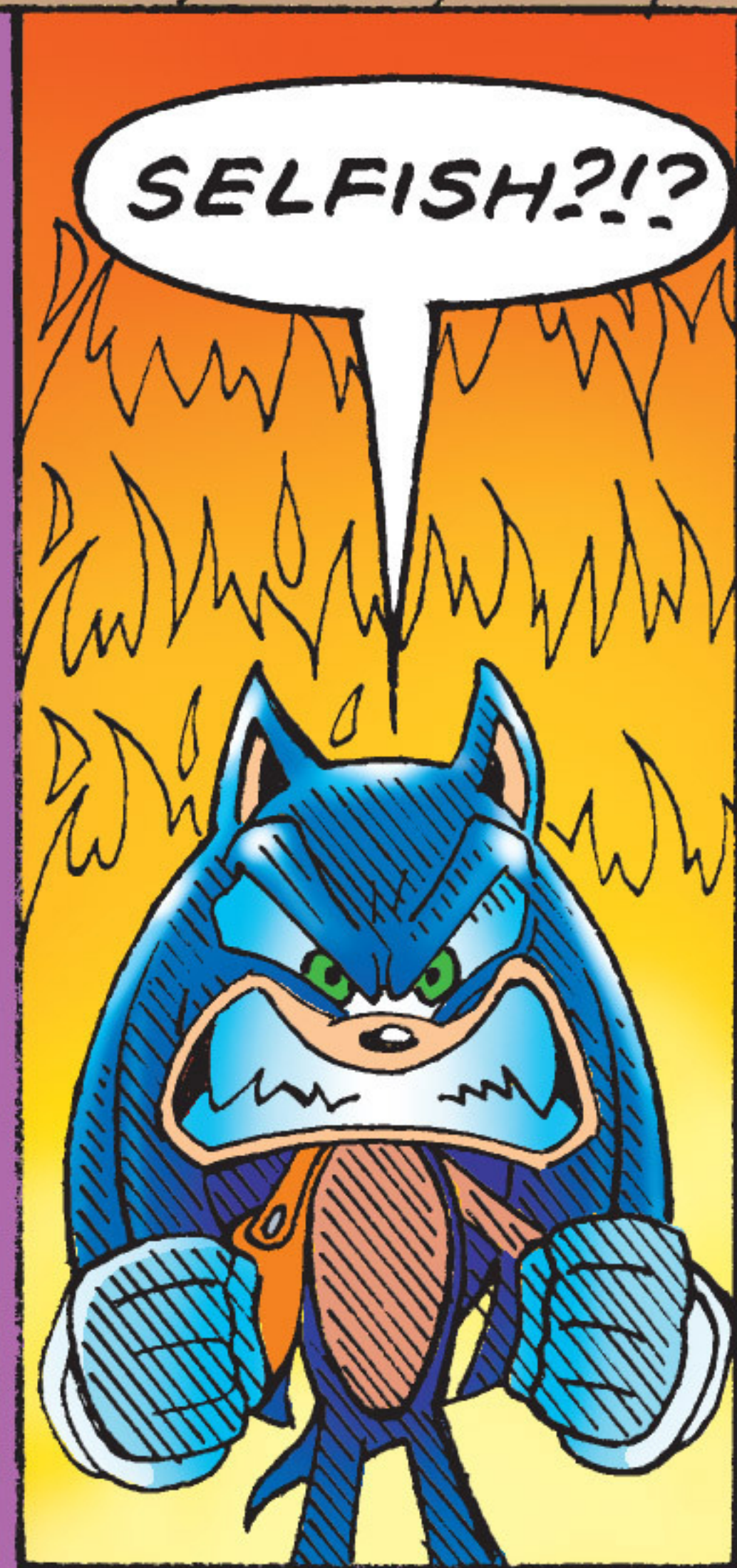


I SHOULD'VE KNOWN YOU'D BE SELFISH!

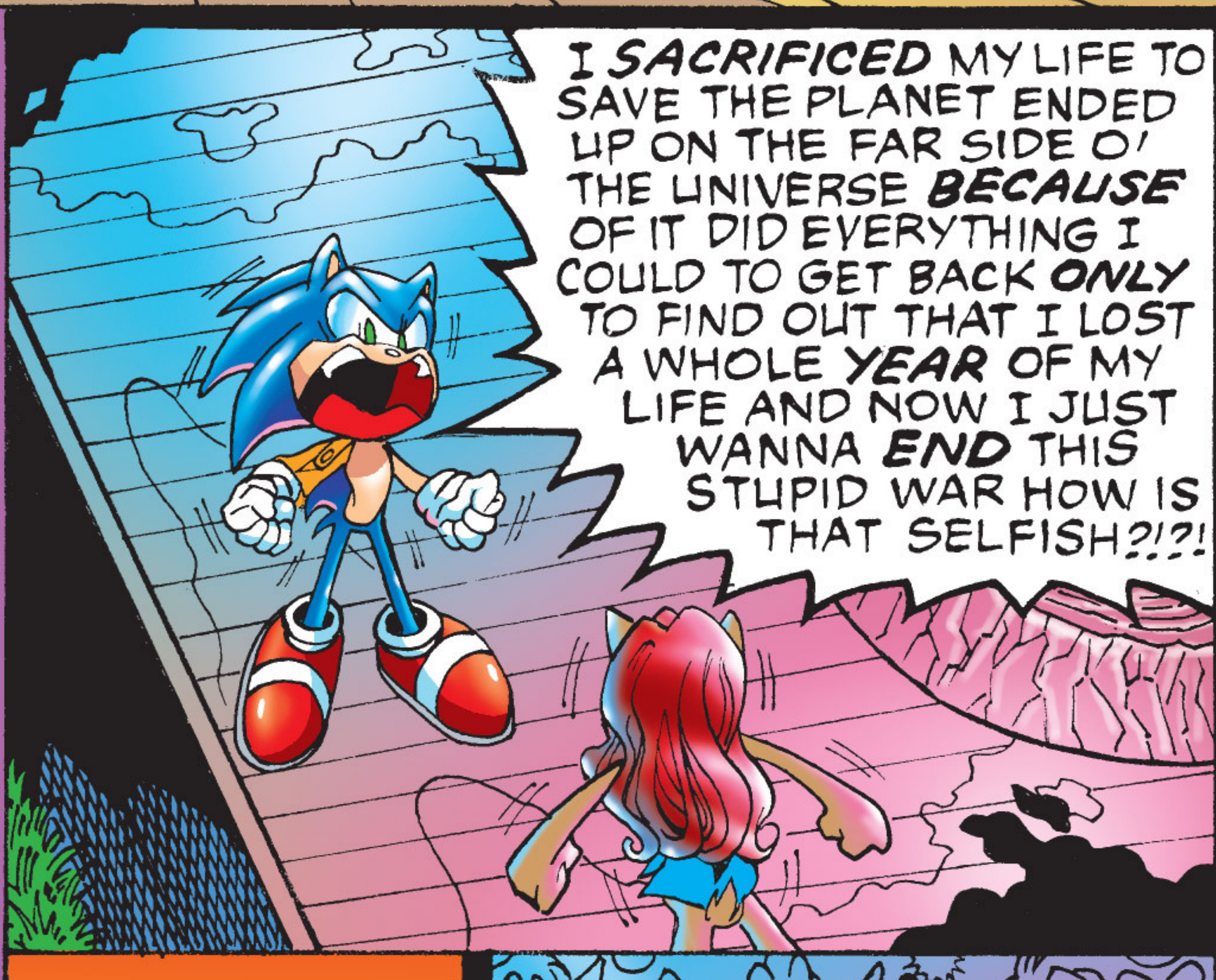
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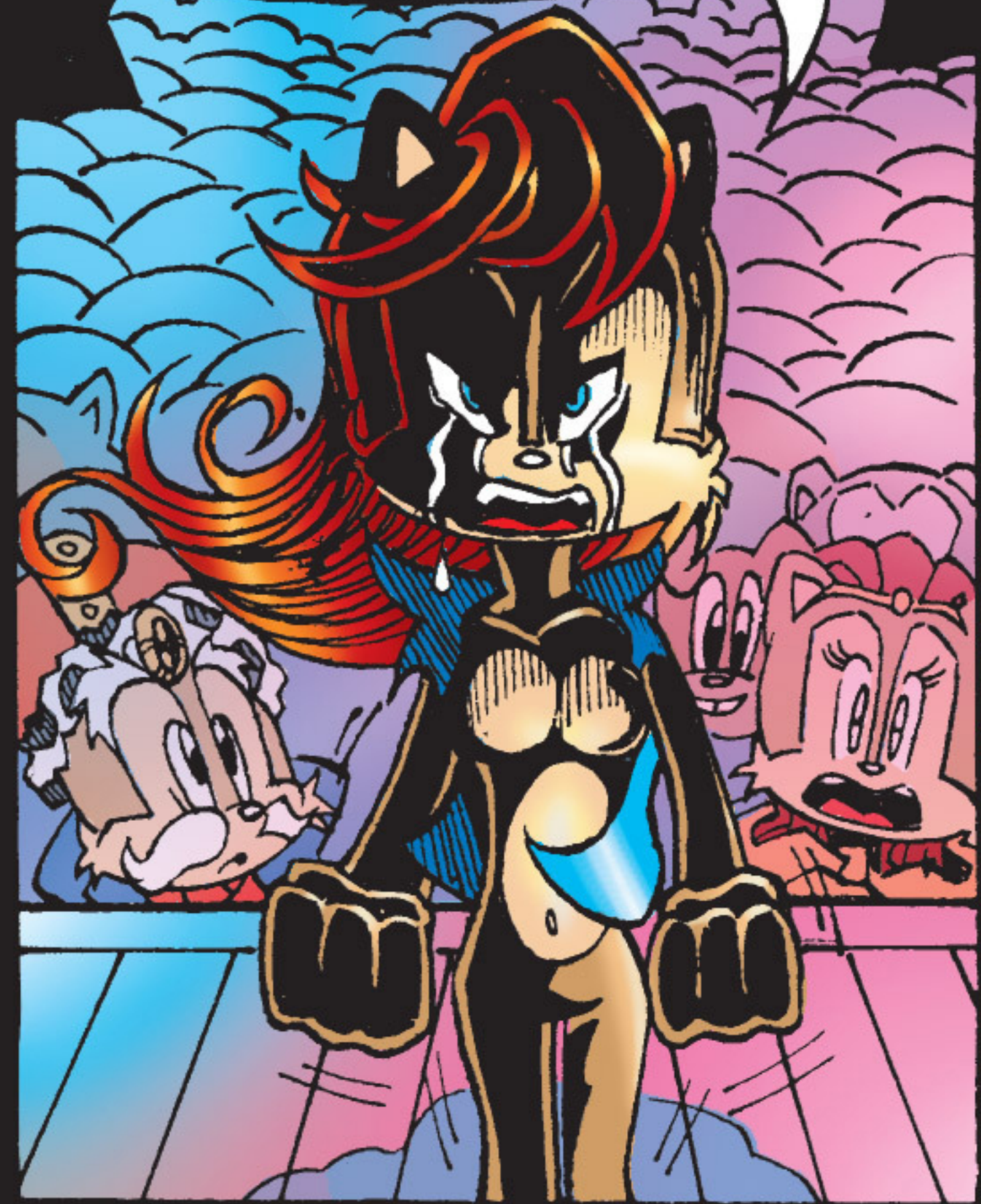


SELFISH?!?

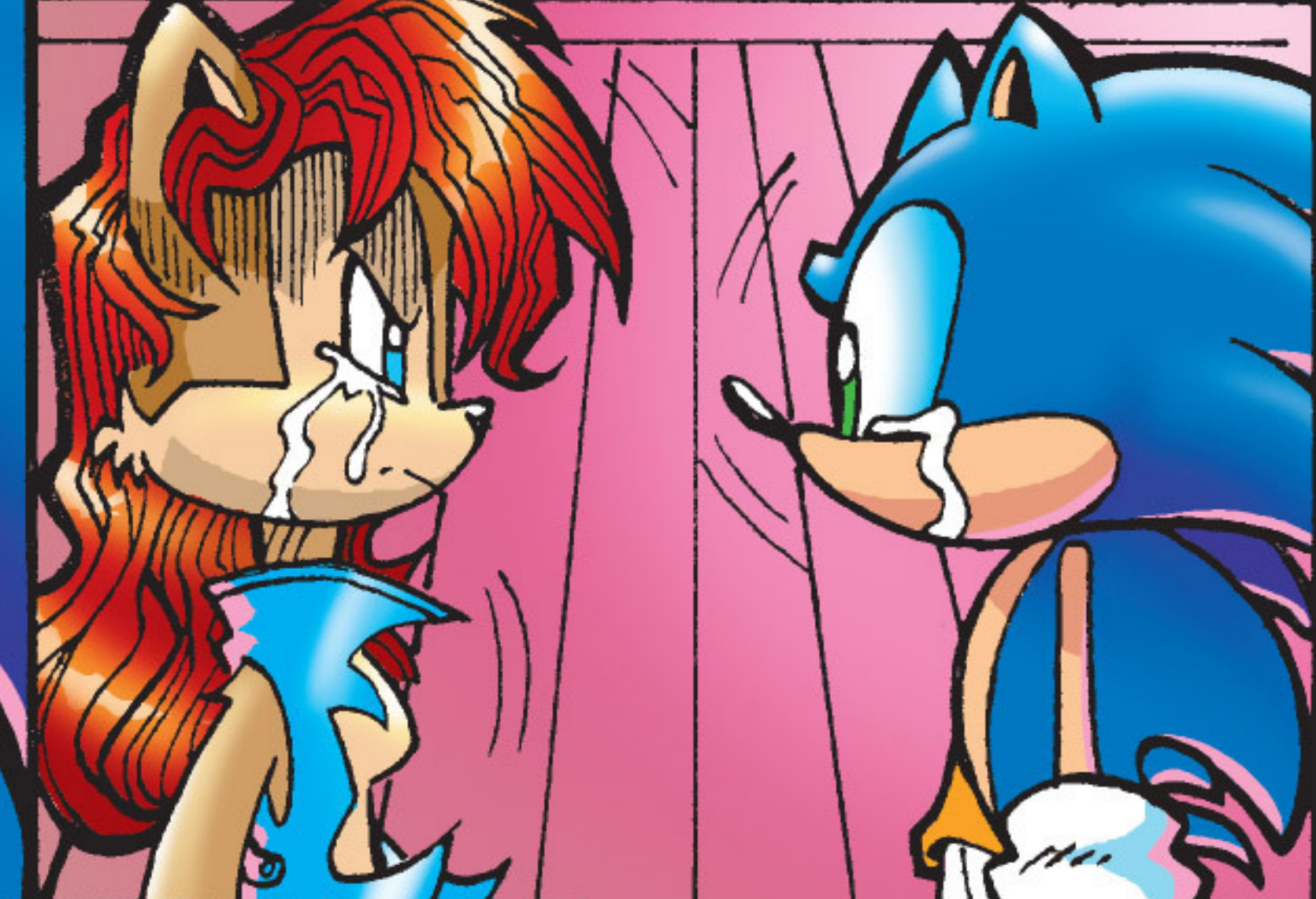
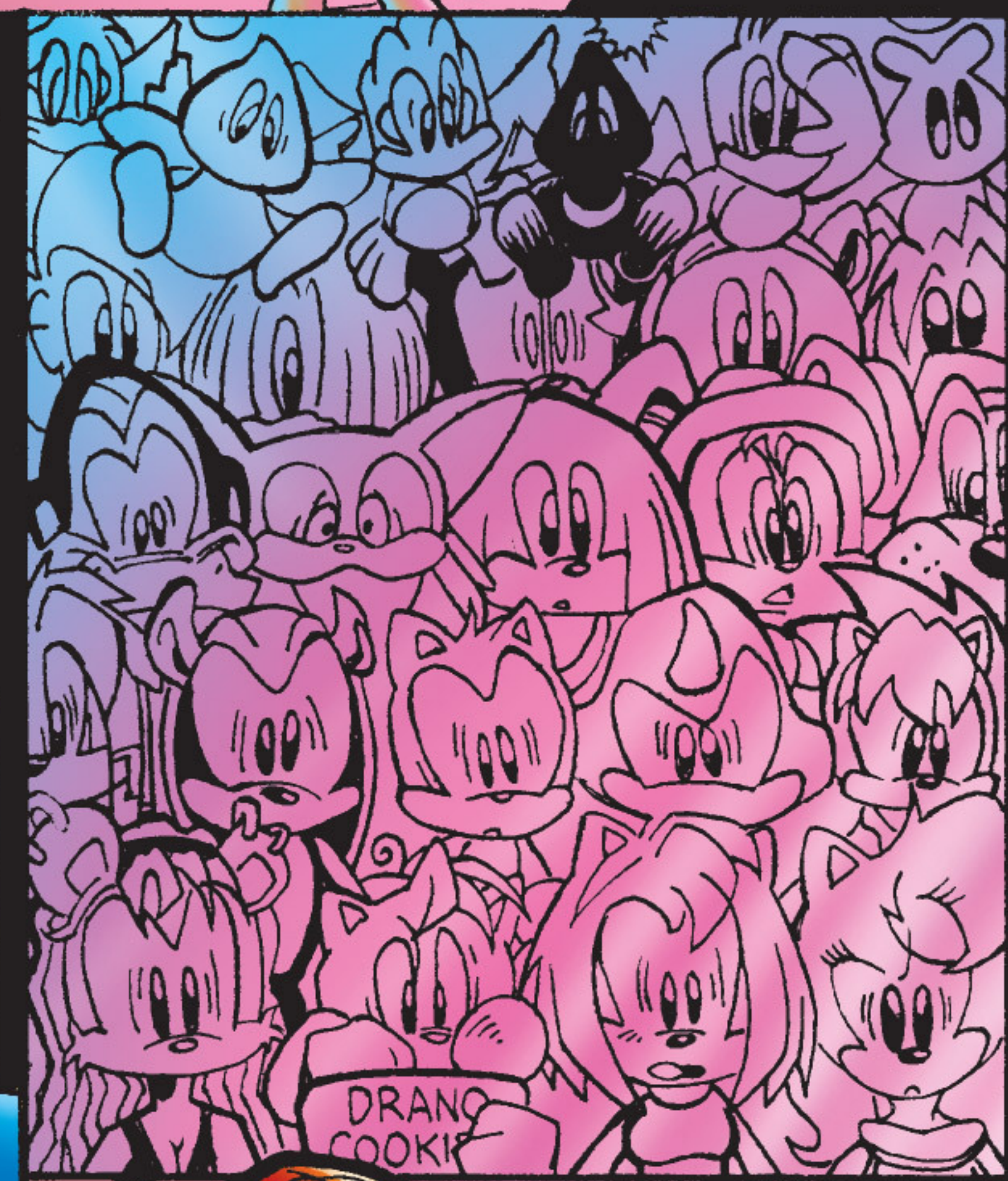
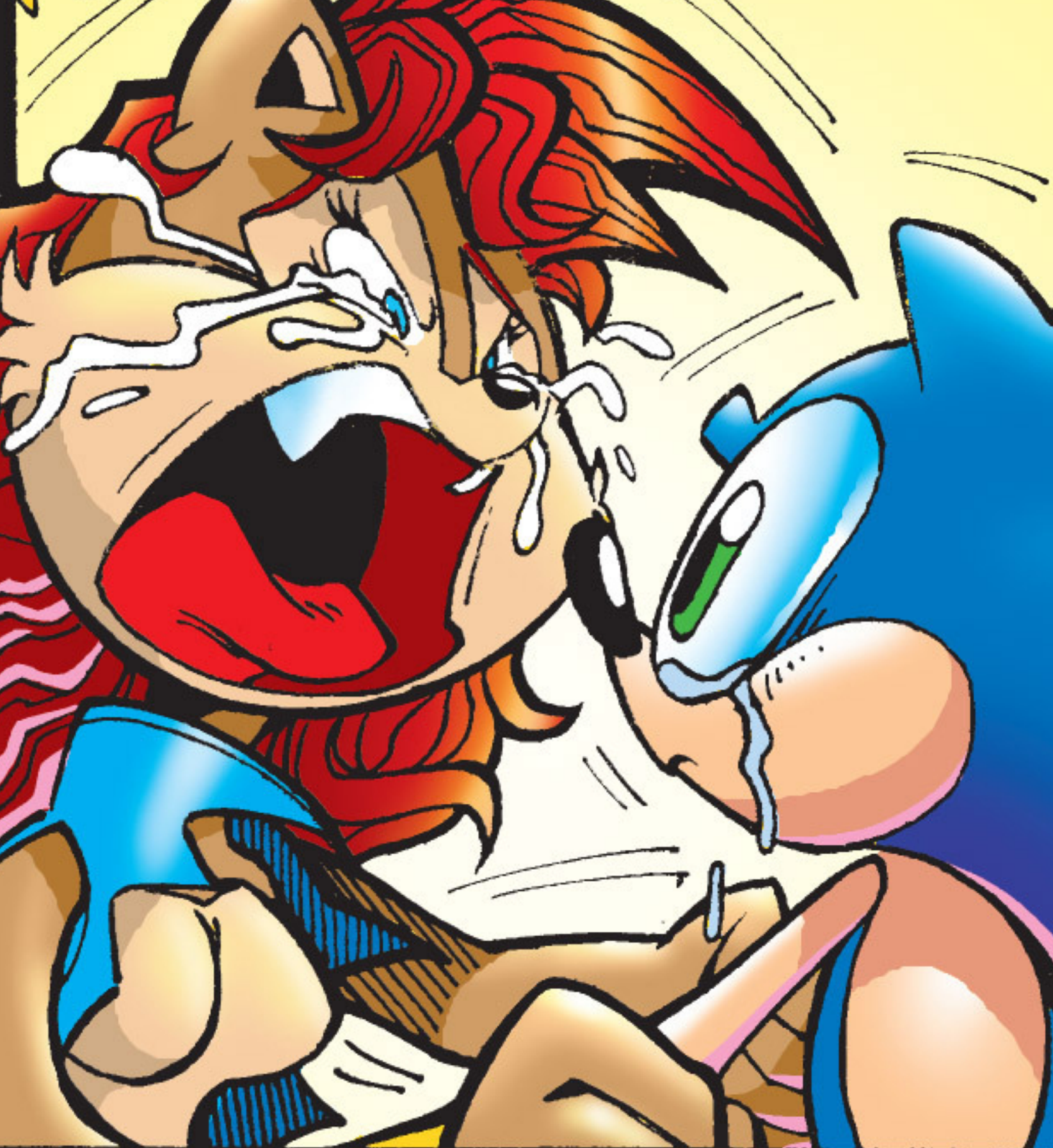


I SACRIFICED MY LIFE TO SAVE THE PLANET ENDED UP ON THE FAR SIDE O' THE UNIVERSE **BECAUSE** OF IT DID EVERYTHING I COULD TO GET BACK **ONLY** TO FIND OUT THAT I LOST A WHOLE **YEAR** OF MY LIFE AND NOW I JUST WANNA **END** THIS STUPID WAR HOW IS THAT SELFISH?!?!

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE BELIEVING YOU WERE **DEAD**? IT COMPLETELY BROKE MY HEART. WATCHING **MECHA** HURT YOU BROUGHT IT ALL BACK...  
... AND I **REFUSE** TO HAVE MY HEART BROKEN AGAIN, SONIC.



WHAT'S MORE **IMPORTANT** TO YOU, ANYWAY?! PUNCHING OUT ROBOTNIK'S LIGHTS, OR BEING WITH **ME**?





THEN HE CAN HAVE YOU ALL TO HIMSELF.

**THE END**



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# MOBILIUS

25 YEARS LATER

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PERSONAL LOG, 27 JULIAN  
3261, 8:47 WEST HEMISPHERE  
DAYLIGHT. HAVING CONFIRMED  
MY FINDINGS OF THE ENTROPIC  
EFFECT UPON MOBILIUS WITH  
**COBAR**, AN ECHIDNA  
SCIENTIST POSSESSING A  
FORMIDABLE INTELLECT WITH  
WHOM I ENJOY A CLOSE  
PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP--

## INTRANSIT

--I MET WITH **KNUCKLES** TO ENLIST HIS  
SUPPORT IN SEEKING TO FIND A SOLUTION  
FOR A PROBLEM THAT THREATENS -- OUR  
VERY **FUTURE!**

OUR **MAJOR CONCERN**--AVERTING A  
**WORLDWIDE PANIC** BEFORE WE HAVE  
A PLAN OF ACTION!

EVEN NOW, THERE'S A GOOD  
CHANCE THAT DESPITE MY  
**PRECAUTIONS**, WE MAY  
HAVE BEEN **COMPROMISED!**



AS I CONTINUED TO  
DISCUSS THE MATTER  
WITH **KNUCKLES**...

...THEN THERE'S THE ISSUE OF  
**COMPETING POLITICAL**  
INTERESTS!

THERE'S  
GOING TO BE A WIDE  
RANGE OF **SUPPORT** FOR EVERY  
ALTERNATIVE THAT'S PROPOSED!

**KRA-AACK!**

HOLD  
IT!



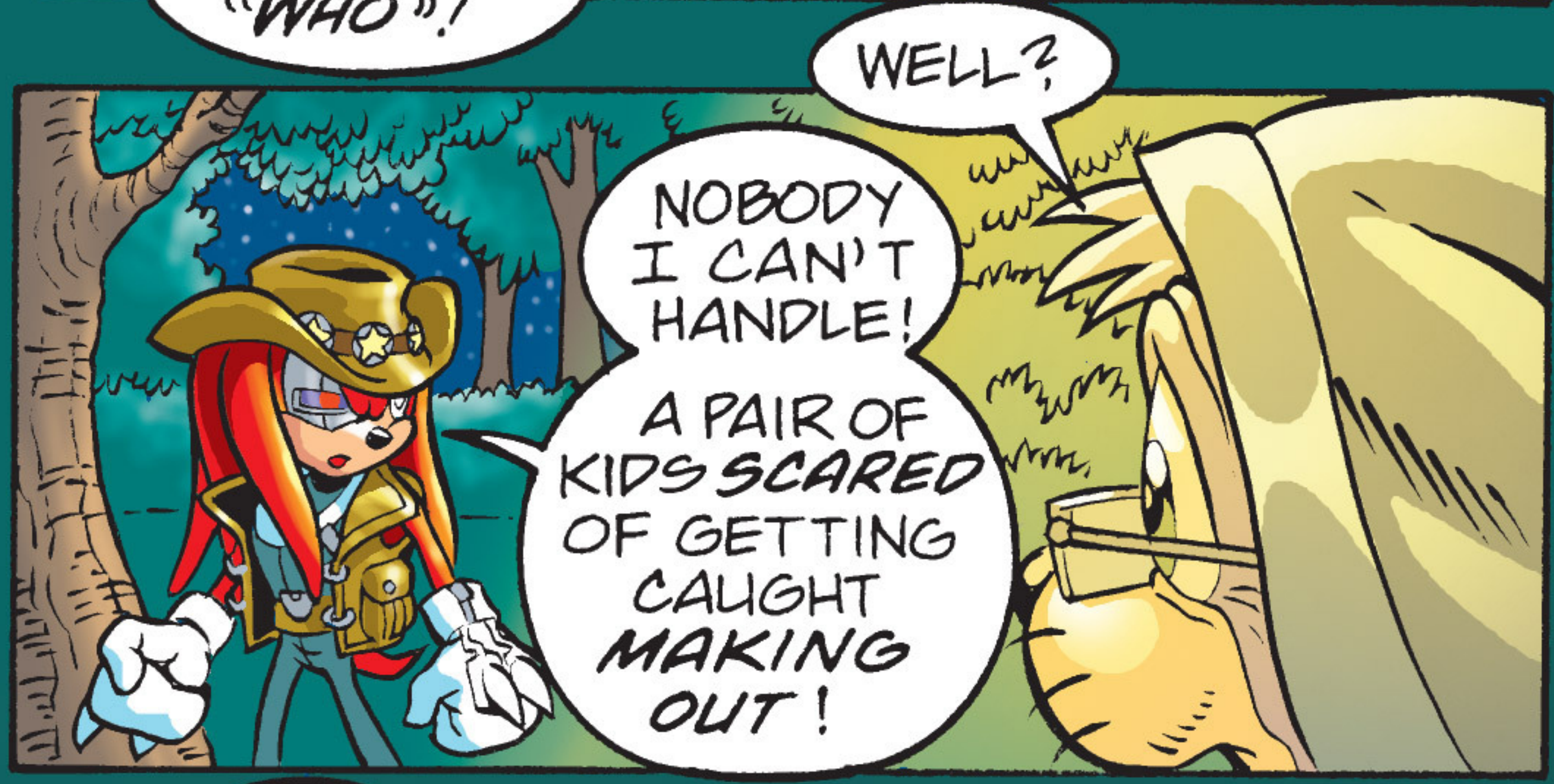




BINGO!

WHAT IS IT?

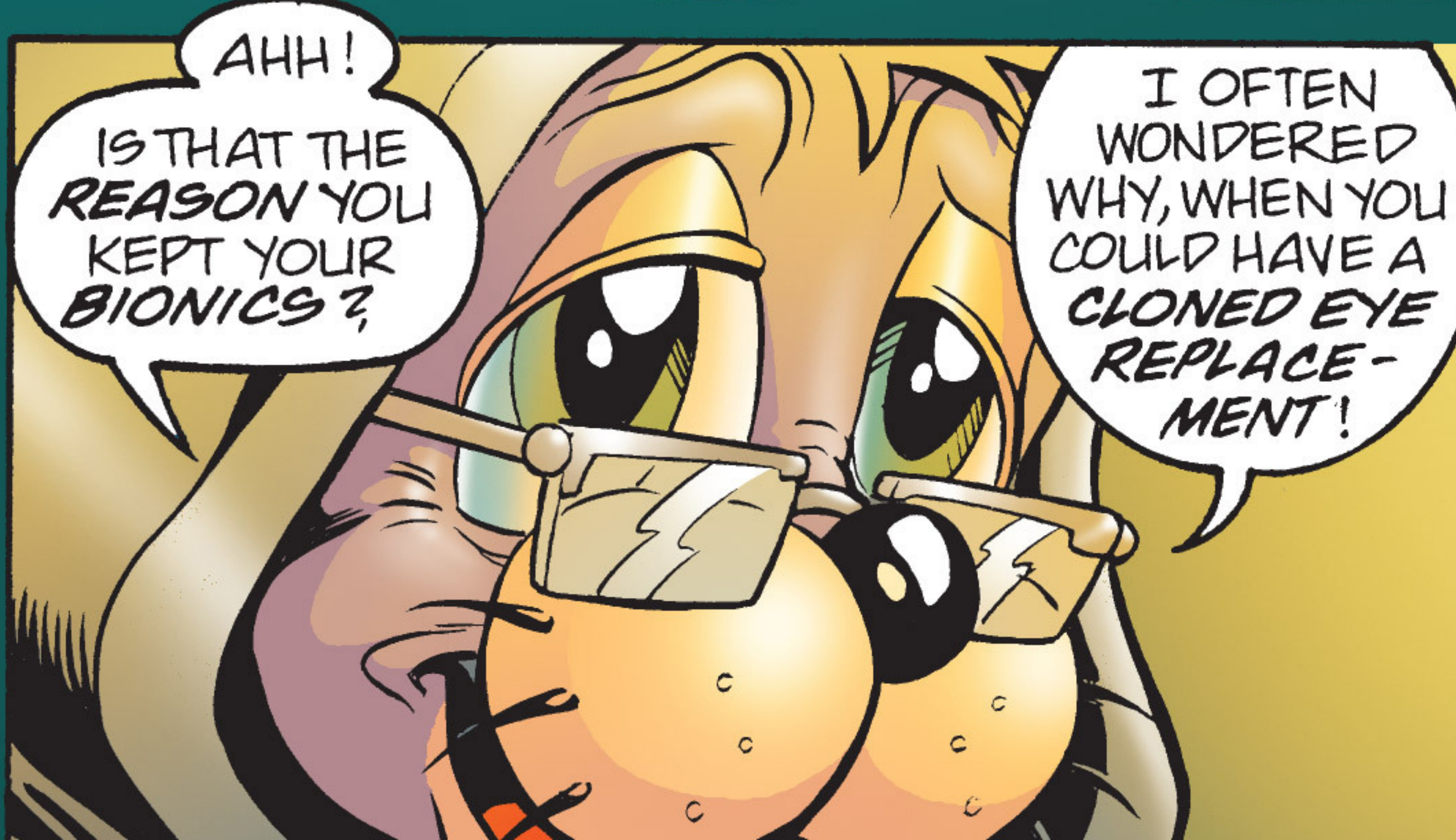
MORE LIKE "WHO"!



WELL?

NOBODY I CAN'T HANDLE!

A PAIR OF KIDS SCARED OF GETTING CAUGHT MAKING OUT!



AHH!  
IS THAT THE REASON YOU KEPT YOUR BIONICS?

I OFTEN WONDERED WHY, WHEN YOU COULD HAVE A CLONED EYE REPLACEMENT!





SO I'VE HEARD!

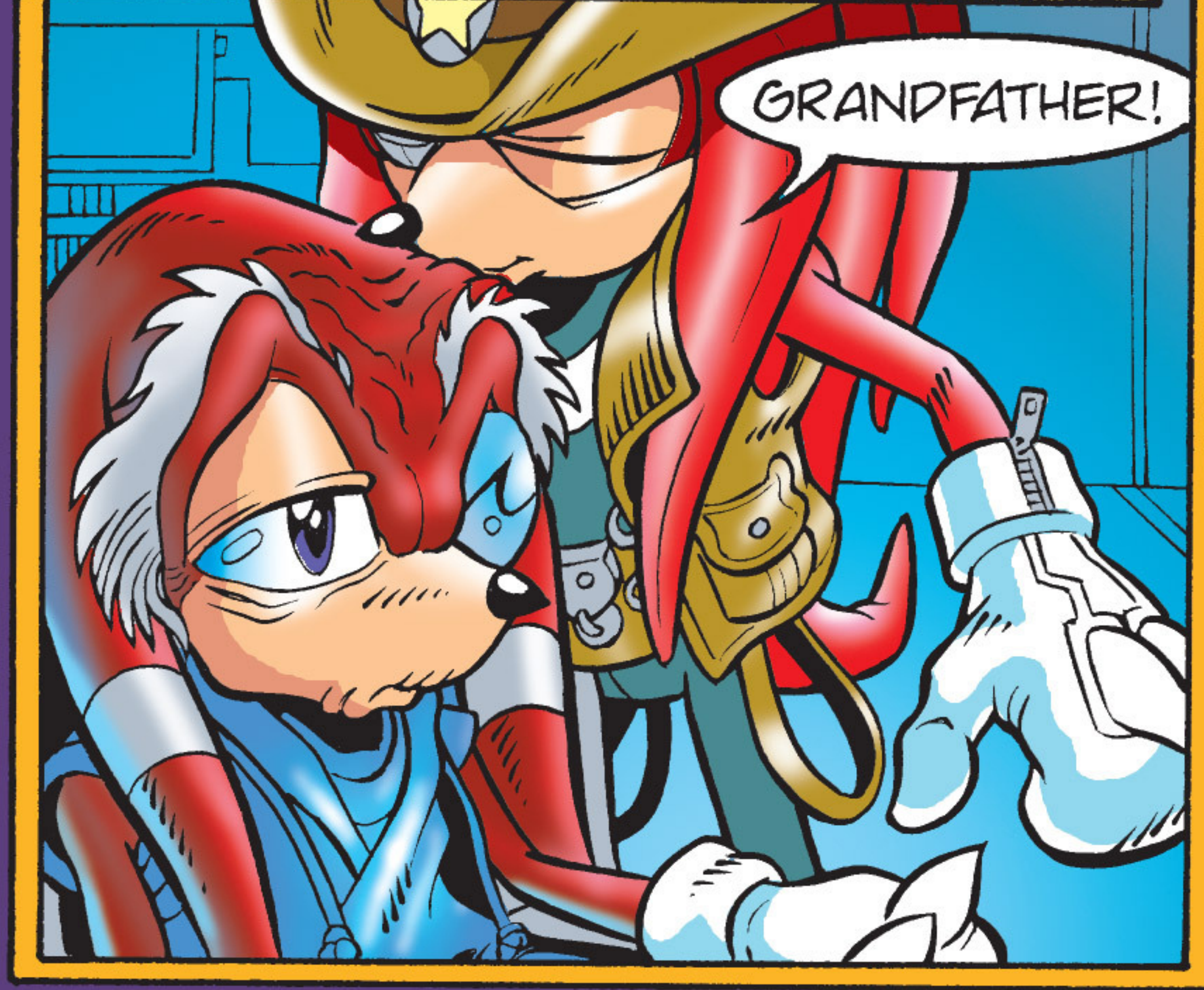
MAYBE SOMEDAY!

IN THE MEANTIME, I'LL CHECK OUT YOUR INFO AND GET BACK TO YOU!

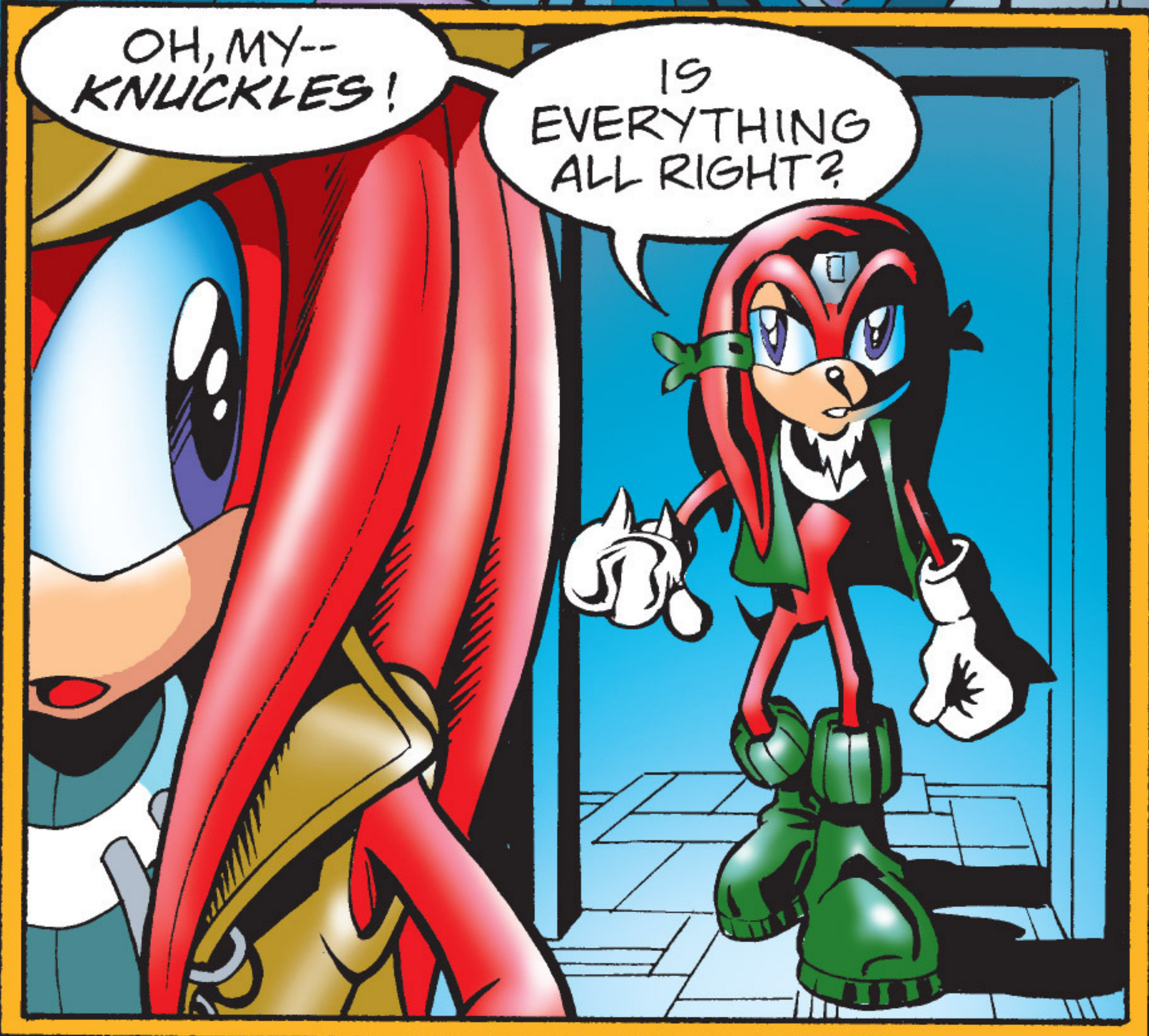


HOW AMAZED KNUCKLES WOULD HAVE BEEN HAD I TOLD HIM--

"--I KNEW HE'D BE CONFERRING WITH THE BROTHERHOOD AT HAVEN TWO..."



GRANDFATHER!



OH, MY-- KNUCKLES!

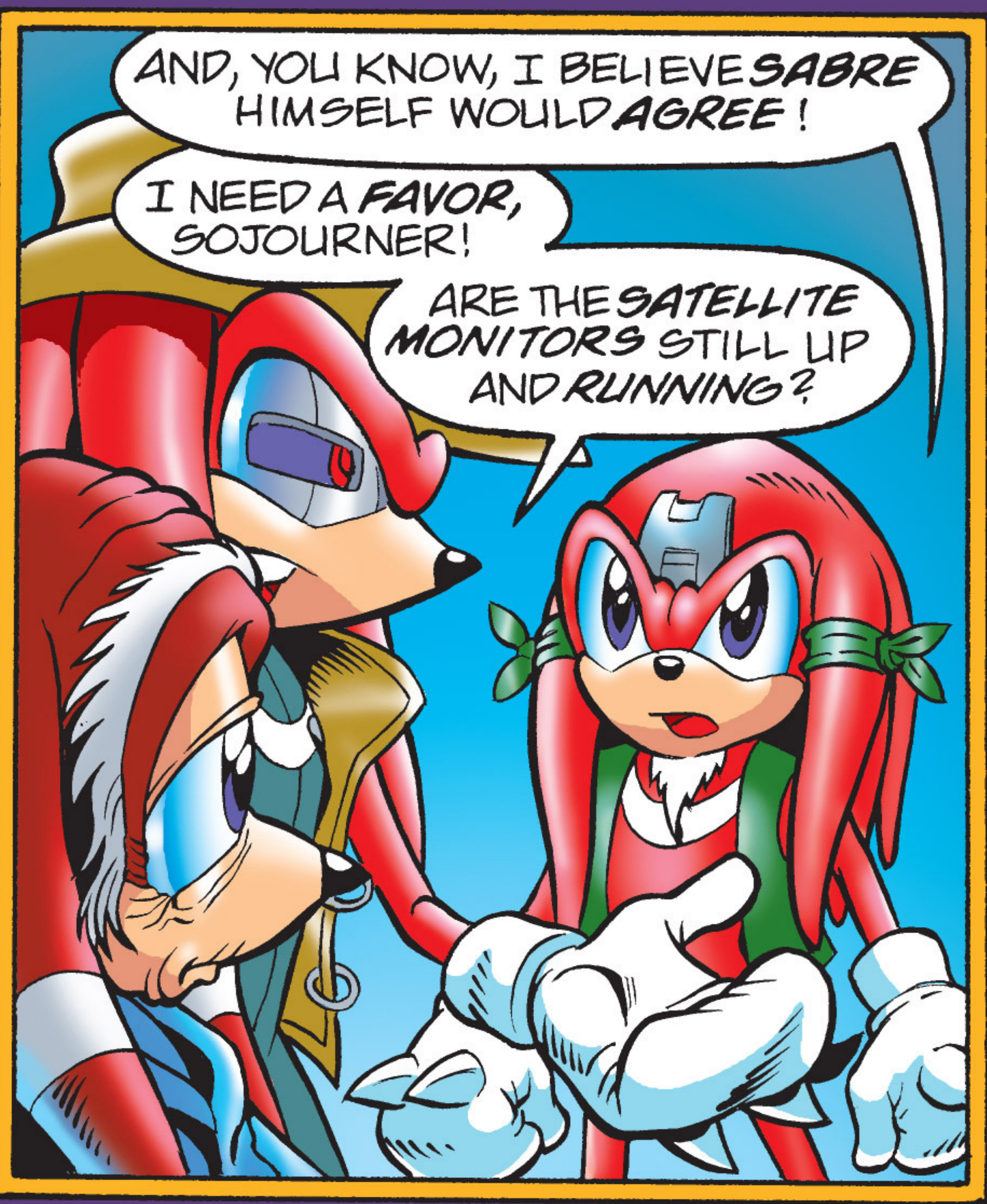
IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?



IT'S BEEN SO LONG! EVER SINCE--

YEAH, I KNOW! WHAT CAN I SAY?

ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU'RE HERE!

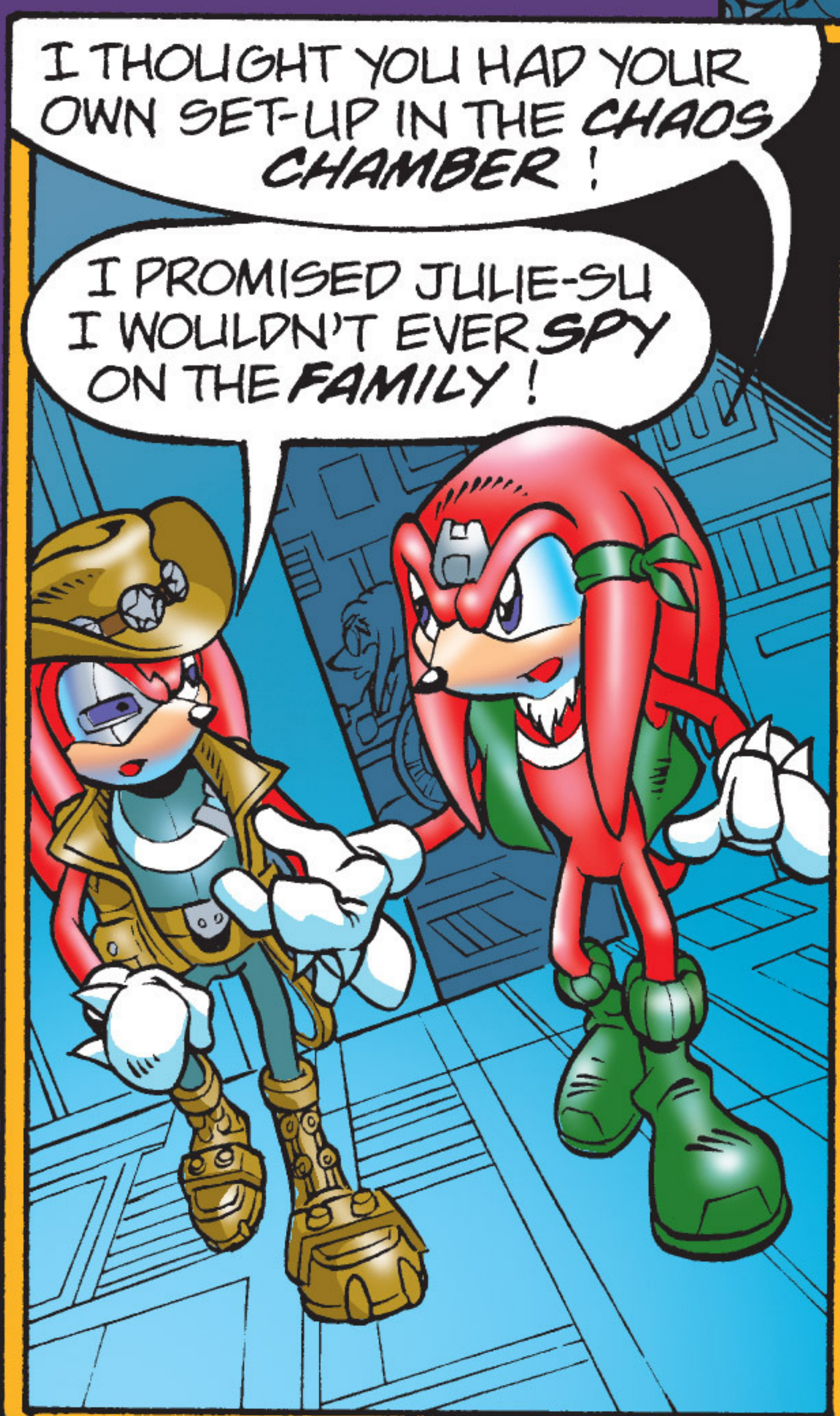


AND, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE SABRE HIMSELF WOULD AGREE!

I NEED A FAVOR, SOJOURNER!

ARE THE SATELLITE MONITORS STILL UP AND RUNNING?





I THOUGHT YOU HAD YOUR OWN SET-UP IN THE CHAOS CHAMBER!

I PROMISED JULIE-SU I WOULDN'T EVER SPY ON THE FAMILY!



WHY ON ANGEL ISLAND WOULD SHE MAKE YOU PROMISE THAT?

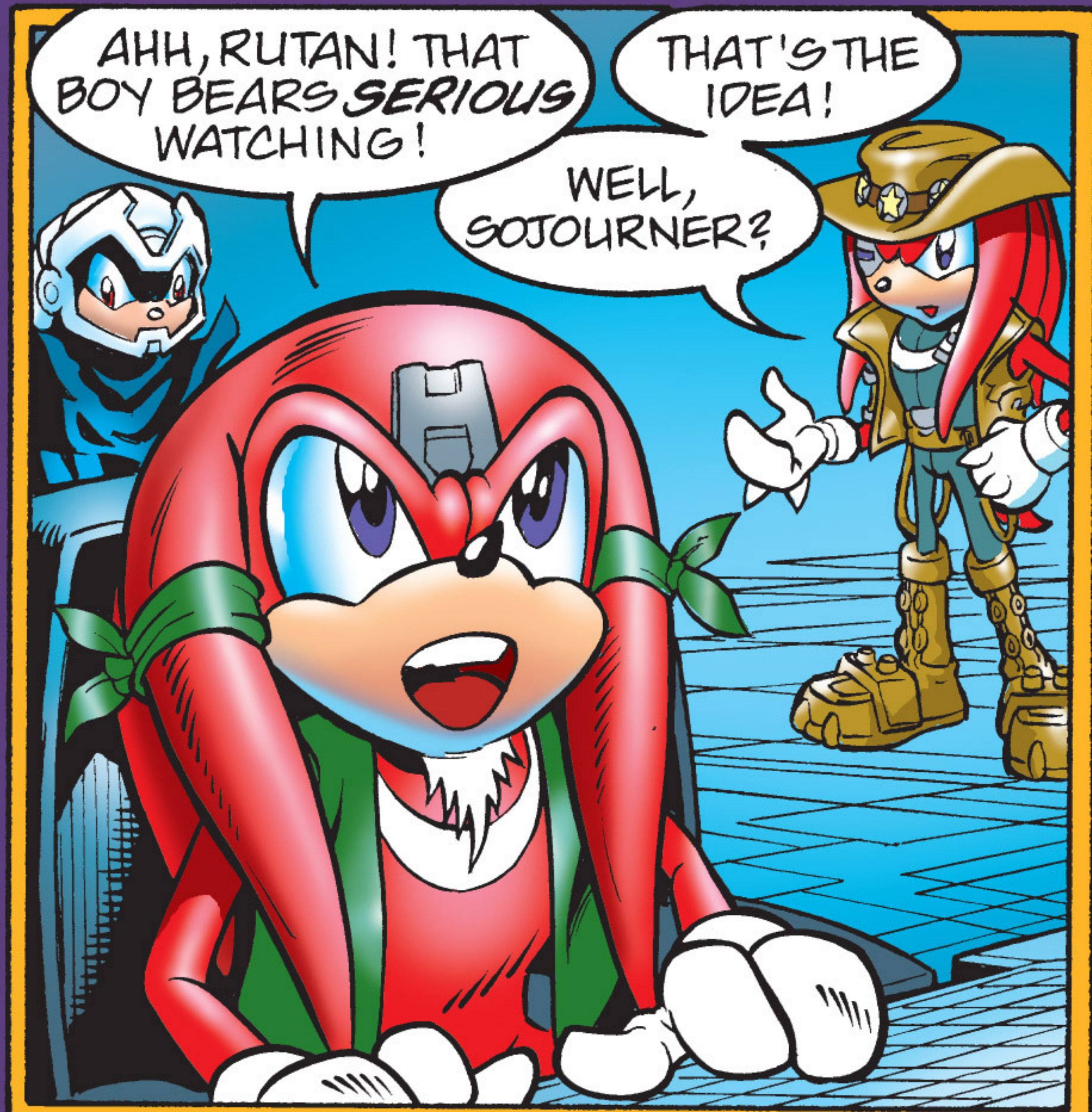
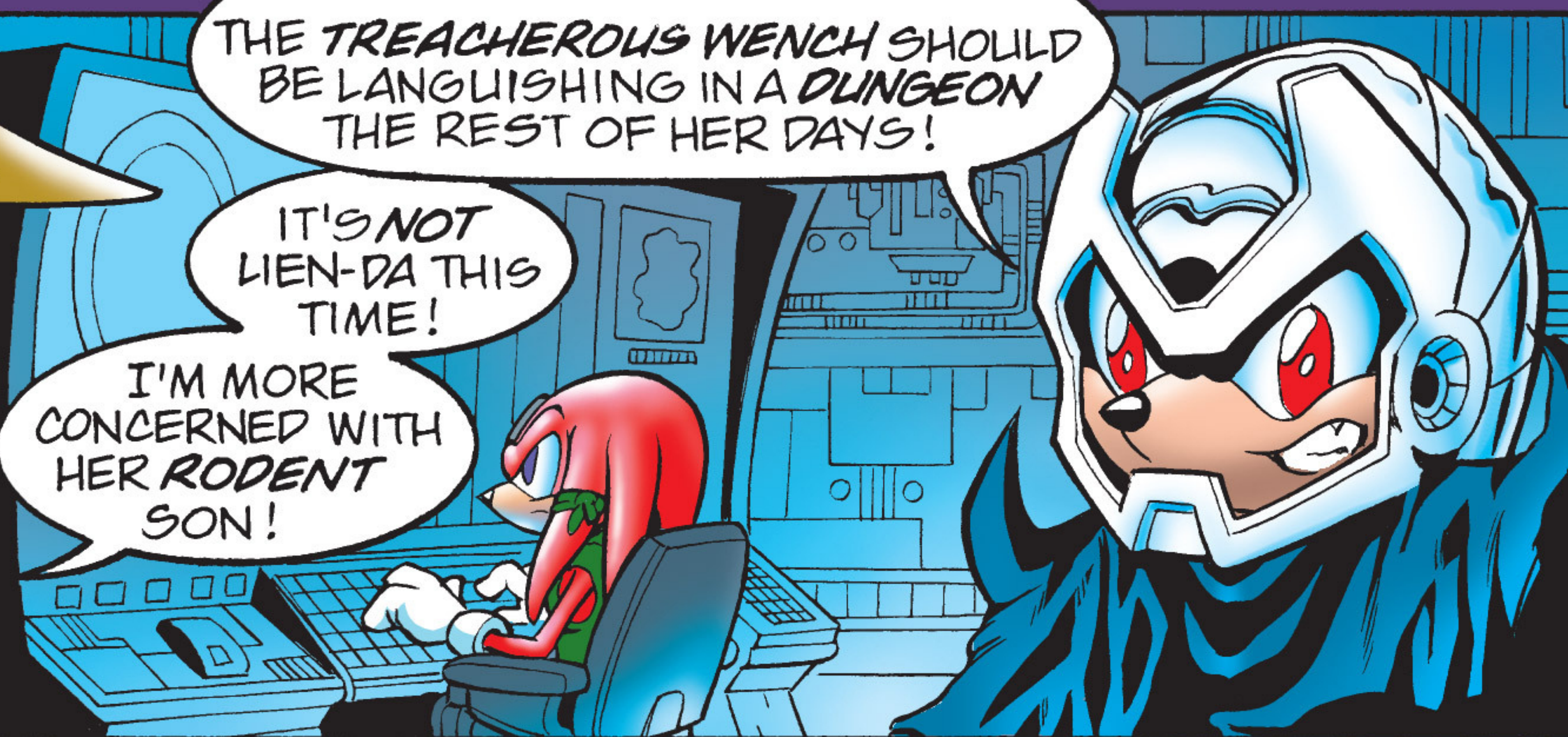
REALLY, SOJOURNER!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN JULIE-SU'S RELATIONS?

THE TREACHEROUS WENCH SHOULD BE LANGLISHING IN A DUNGEON THE REST OF HER DAYS!

IT'S NOT LIEN-DA THIS TIME!

I'M MORE CONCERNED WITH HER RODENT SON!



AHH, RUTAN! THAT BOY BEARS SERIOUS WATCHING!

THAT'S THE IDEA!

WELL, SOJOURNER?

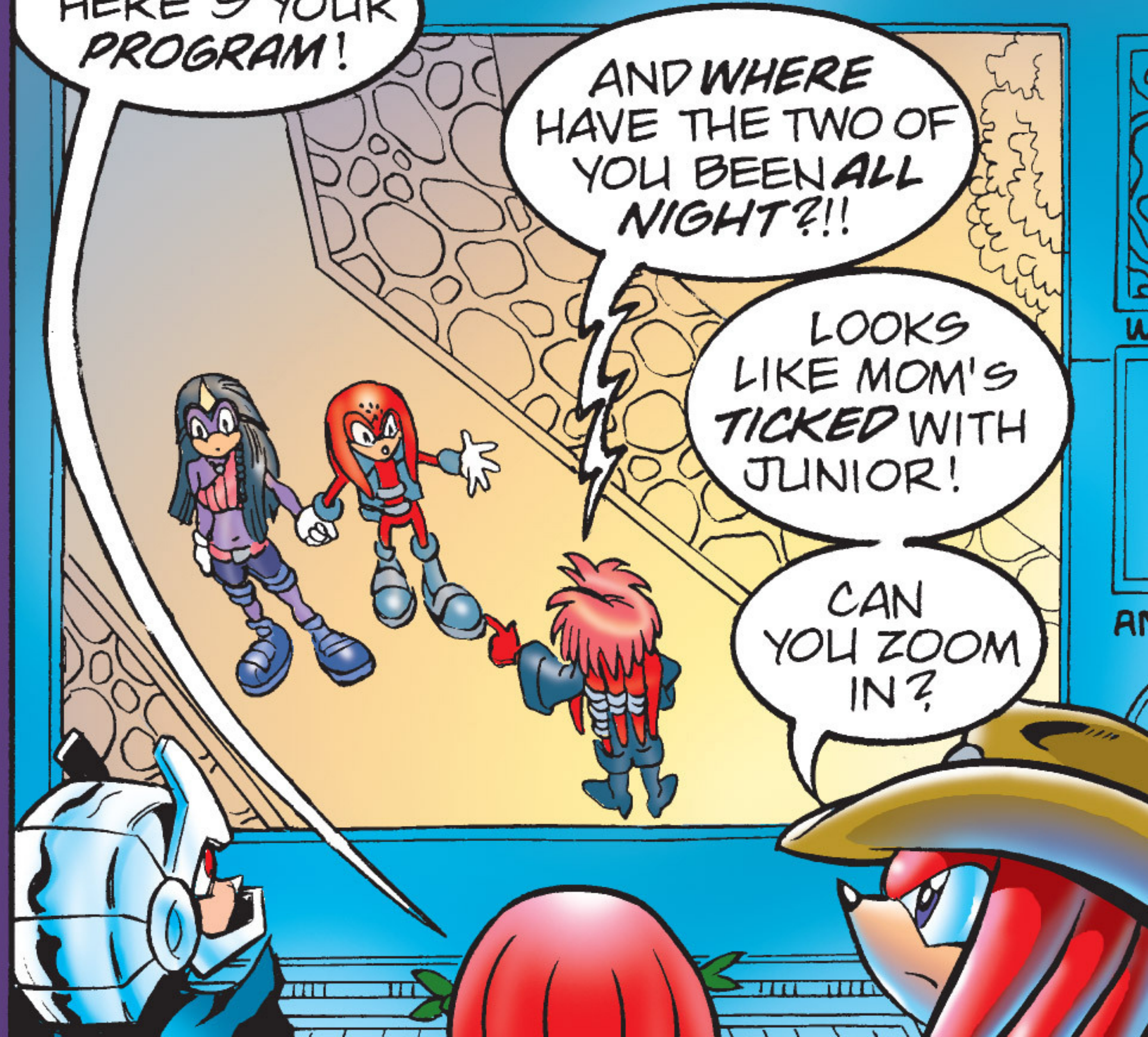
IT'S NOT MY IDEA OF FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT--

-- BUT HERE'S YOUR PROGRAM!

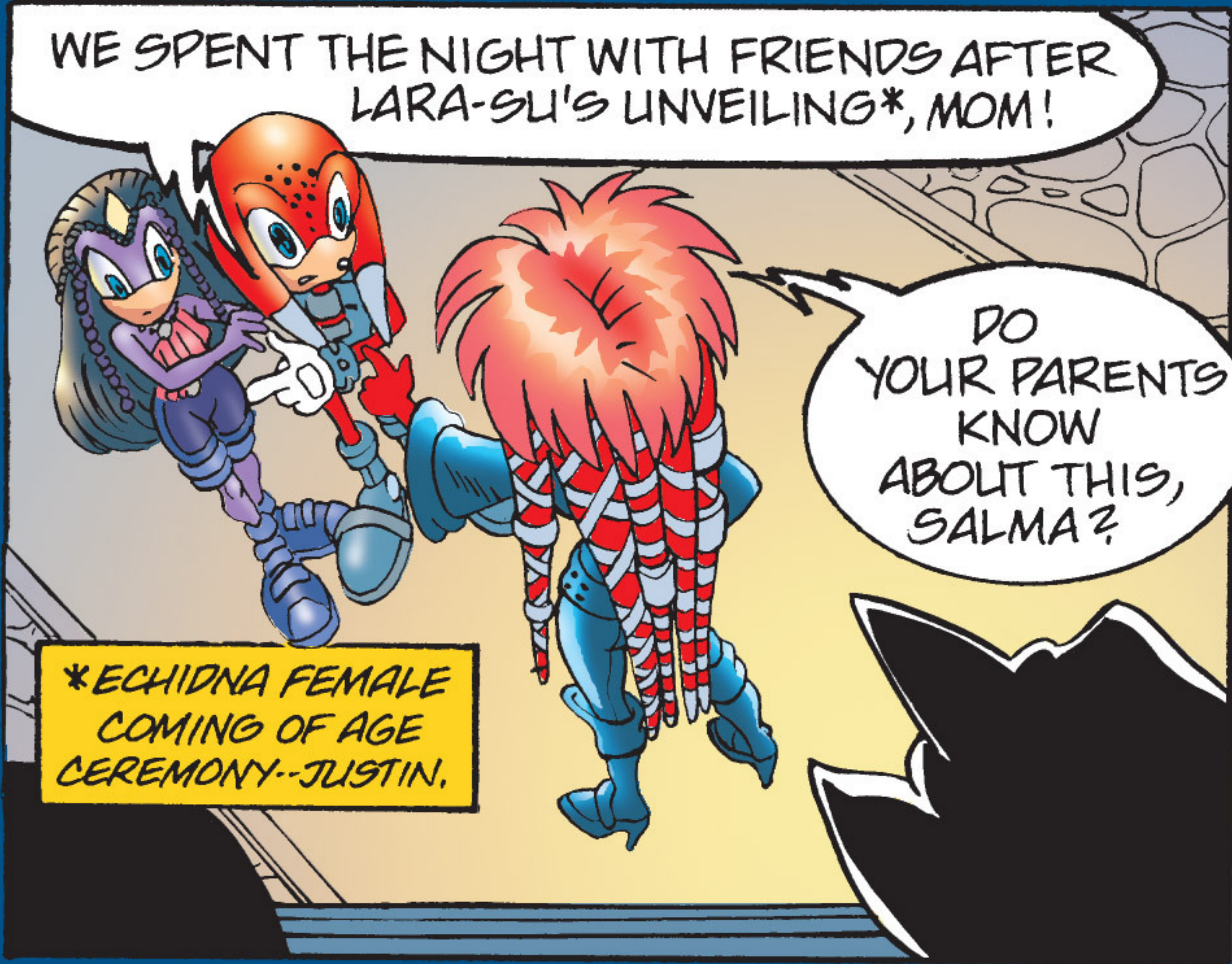
AND WHERE HAVE THE TWO OF YOU BEEN ALL NIGHT?!!

LOOKS LIKE MOM'S TICKED WITH JUNIOR!

CAN YOU ZOOM IN?







WE SPENT THE NIGHT WITH FRIENDS AFTER LARA-SU'S UNVEILING\*, MOM!

DO YOUR PARENTS KNOW ABOUT THIS, SALMA?

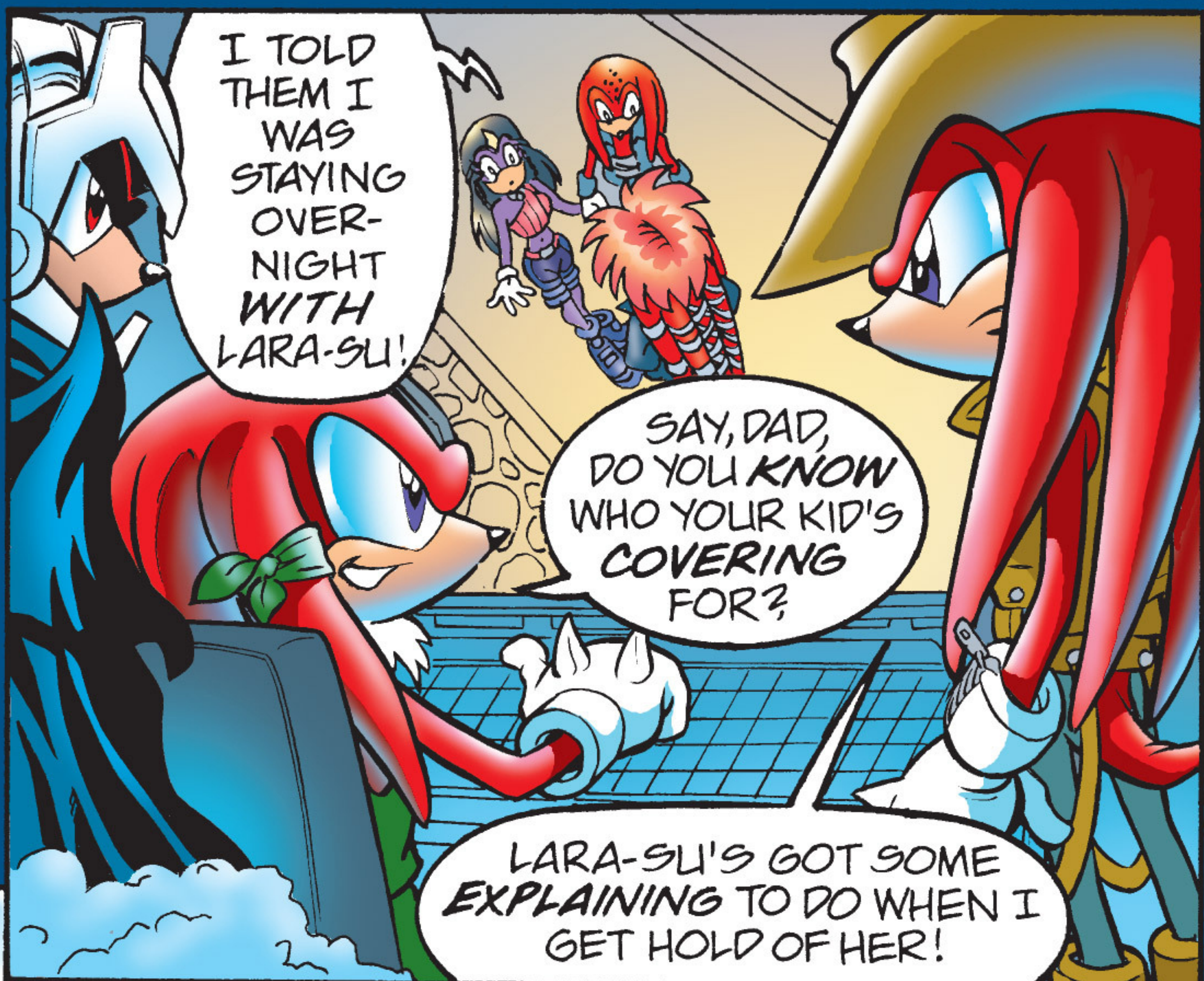
\*ECHIDNA FEMALE COMING OF AGE CEREMONY--JUSTIN.



SALMA?



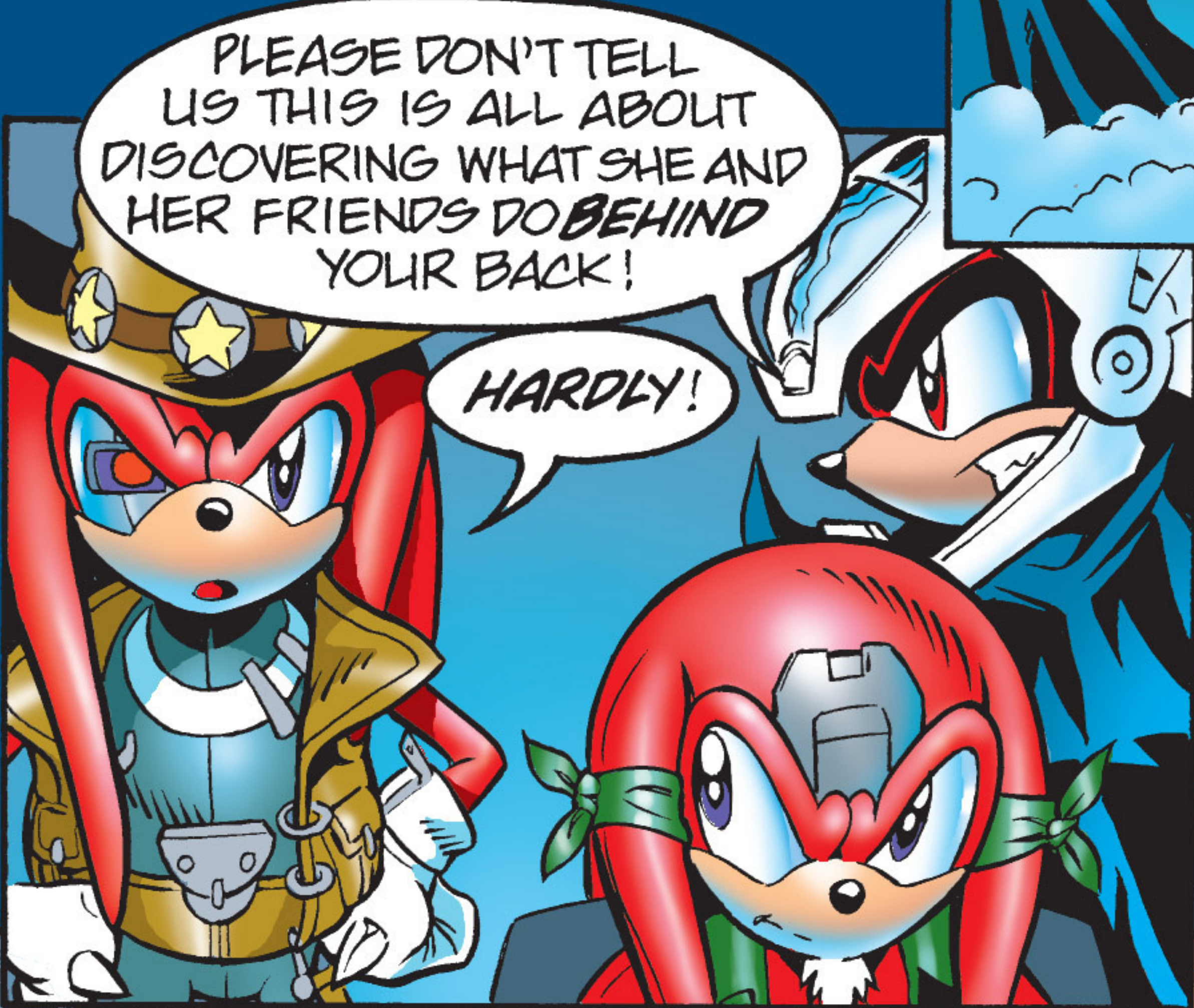
NO, MA'AM!



I TOLD THEM I WAS STAYING OVER-NIGHT WITH LARA-SU!

SAY, DAD, DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR KID'S COVERING FOR?

LARA-SU'S GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO WHEN I GET HOLD OF HER!



PLEASE DON'T TELL US THIS IS ALL ABOUT DISCOVERING WHAT SHE AND HER FRIENDS DO BEHIND YOUR BACK!

HARDLY!



I'M MORE INTERESTED IF JUNIOR LEARNED ANYTHING HE SHOULDN'T!

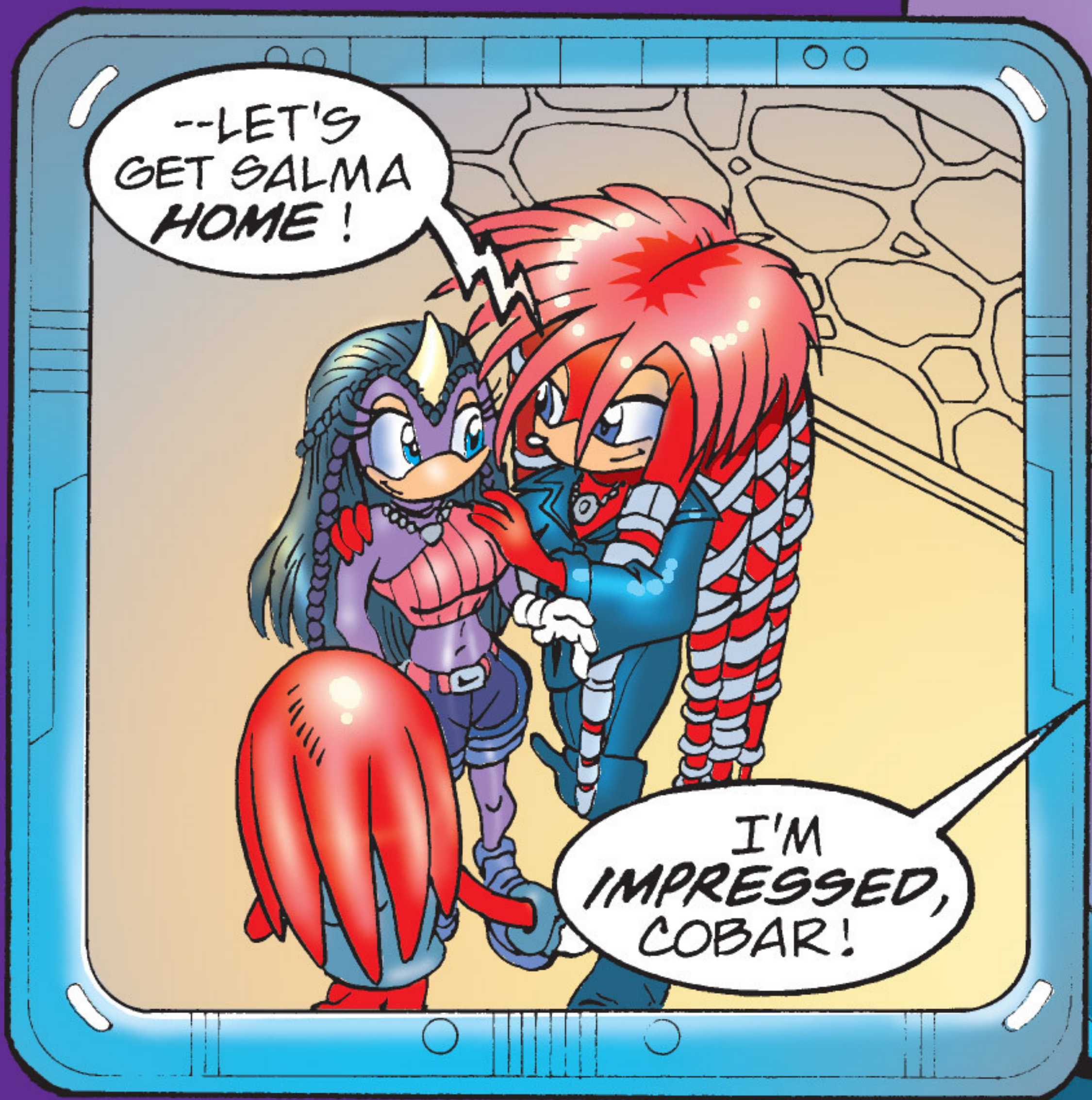
DO TELL!



YOU NOTICED ANYTHING STRANGE ABOUT THE WEATHER LATELY?

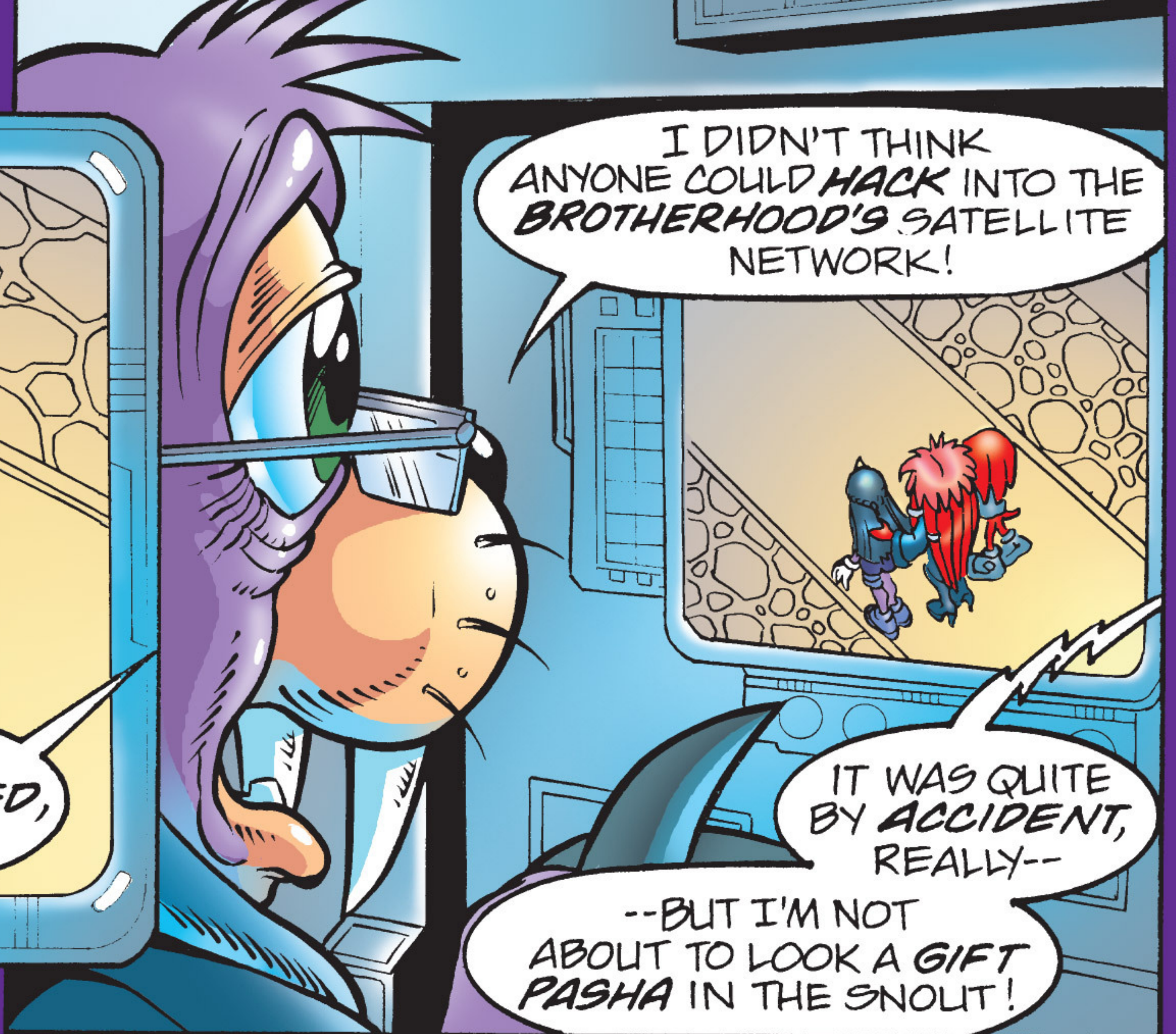
WELL, I'LL DEAL WITH YOU LATER, YOUNG MAN! RIGHT NOW--





--LET'S GET SALMA HOME!

I'M IMPRESSED, COBAR!



I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE COULD HACK INTO THE BROTHERHOOD'S SATELLITE NETWORK!

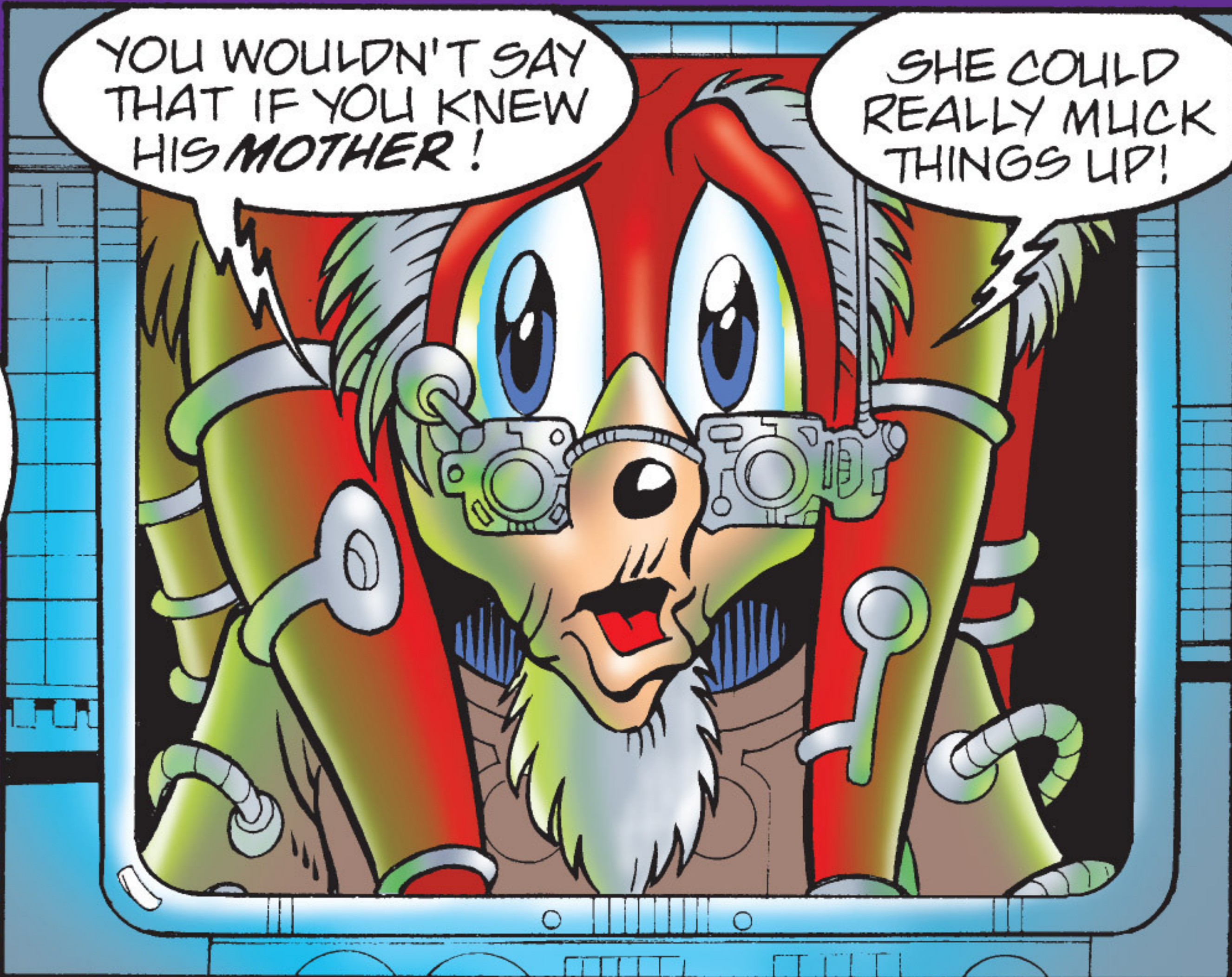
IT WAS QUITE BY ACCIDENT, REALLY--

--BUT I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOOK A GIFT PASHA IN THE SNOUT!



SEEN ENOUGH?

FOR THE MOMENT, THE KIDS BOTH SEEM PRETTY HARMLESS!



YOU WOULDN'T SAY THAT IF YOU KNEW HIS MOTHER!

SHE COULD REALLY MUCK THINGS UP!



--ESPECIALLY THE GUARDIAN!



THAT WOULDN'T SURPRISE THE KING AT ALL--

--GIVEN THAT HE ISN'T EXACTLY RENOWNED FOR HIS FONDNESS OF ECHIDNAS--

TO BE CONTINUED...